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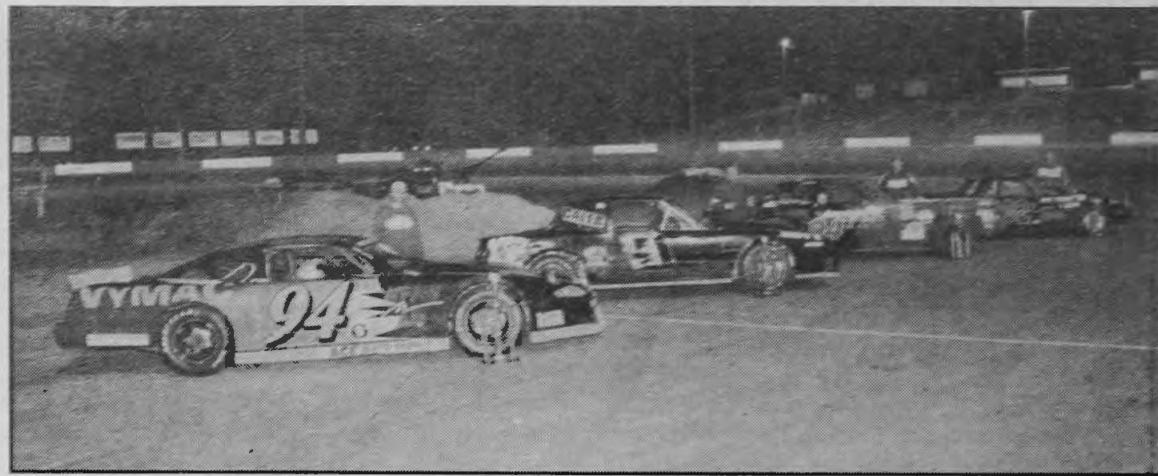
Andrew Morrissey (71) battles with Bryan Reffner (80) while en route to the victory in the American StockCar League 150-lap feature at Madison International Speedway in Oregon, WI, on Saturday, June 18. **See Page 2.** (Doug Hornickel photo)



In a crowd-pleasing IMCA stock car feature finish, Craig Paque (2), Ben Kroll (42) and Jeff Vlies (17) were each in position to win Saturday night at Thunderhill Raceway in Sturgeon Bay, WI, but Paque eventually celebrated his first feature win of the year. **See Page 3.** (Dan Lewis photo)



Terry Wangness (55) is challenged by Chico Riedner in Friday's street stock feature at Columbus (WI) 151 Speedway. The event was part of the first night of the two-track "Summer Rumble" over the weekend at Columbus and Jefferson (WI) Speedway. **See Page 4.** (D's Racing Imagery photo)



The top point-earners in the "Summer Rumble" series, held at Jefferson (WI) and Columbus (WI) 151 Speedway this past weekend, include (l-r) Jason Erickson (94), late models; Dustin Ward (9), sportsman; Mike Storkson (94), hobby stocks; and Marc Balis (92), Bandits. **See Page 5.** (Jefferson Speedway/H&H photo)



Gavin Hallman (46) led Steven Wirtz (70) wire-to-wire to win the Animal Junior feature race at Badger Raceway in Dousman, WI, on Sunday. **See Page 6.** (Mike Weaver photo)



Thousands of fans were greeted Saturday by perfect weather at the LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway in West Allis, WI, for the first time since opening night. **See Page 13.** (LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway photos)

Hot Laps

Wausau Mayor Proclaims June 23 as Dave Marcis Day

WAUSAU, WI -- Wausau Mayor Jim Tripple has proclaimed Thursday, June 23, as Dave Marcis Day, in honor of the NASCAR racing legend who began his career at the State Park Speedway and will return to the track for the first time in over 20 years on that night.

The Speedway will host Welcome Home Dave Marcis Night as part of the second leg of the track's "Final Four" race series. Four classes of cars - super late models, Midwest touring late models, mini-stocks and street stocks - will be on hand for racing action.

The Mayor will be on hand to welcome Marcis, a Wausau native and NASCAR record holder who started 881 NASCAR Cup Series events from 1968-2002, including a record 32 consecutive Daytona 500s. Marcis will then meet with fans and sign autographs from 6-8 pm.

Gates open at 5 pm, with time trials at 6 and racing at 7:15 pm. State Park Speedway is located 1-1/2 miles west of US 51 and I-39 on County Truck NN in the town of Rib Mountain.

Midget Hall of Famer Strickland Passes

WATERTOWN, WI -- Dave Strickland, 67, passed away Tuesday morning, June 14, in Colorado following an extended illness.

A member of the National Midget Auto Racing Hall of Fame, Strickland won 25 USAC midget races during his career and finished runner-up in points to Jimmy Caruthers in 1970, as well as third twice and fifth twice in the national standings. He was unsuccessful in his bid to start the 1969 Indianapolis 500, but did start four IndyCar events in 1969 and '70, finishing seventh at Phoenix in his '69 debut.

Eldora to Make Up 'Family Fun Night'

ROSSBURG, OH, June 16 -- Eldora Speedway's 2005 schedule of events has been adjusted to reflect a make-up of the May 14 "Family Fun Night." That event will feature UMP modifieds and Eldora's stocks, and will be staged on Saturday, July 23.

The event will include a pre-race autograph session and "dash for cash" in each division.

RCR, United of Omaha Reach Earnhardt Settlement

LEXINGTON, NC, June 20 -- A settlement has been reached in the trial brought by Richard Childress Racing against United of Omaha insurance company in a case that arose out of the death of Dale Earnhardt at Daytona International Speedway on February 18, 2001.

The jury trial began May 23 in the Superior Court in Lexington, and the parties reached a confidential settlement over the weekend of June 17. The settlement was reached after both parties had presented all of their evidence and had a full understanding of the intentions of the other party.

By settling the case, both parties were able to avoid further prolonged litigation, which would have included appeals to the North Carolina appellate courts. Also, the settlement precludes any further disagreements or litigation by both parties over the issues and subject matter of the lawsuit. A value on the settlement was not released.

USAC Racers Reunion Coming to Toledo

TOLEDO, OH -- The stars of USAC's sprint and midget divisions from years past will be honored as part of an open-wheel doubleheader on Friday, July 8, at Toledo Speedway.

For the first time, both of USAC's open-wheel divisions will be in competition at the half-mile paved oval on the same race card, while a Racers' Reunion is planned for the same day. All former USAC sprint and midget drivers are invited to attend the reunion at the Speedway Bar and Grille banquet room located on the grounds of the track for a luncheon. Former drivers wishing to attend should call Duke Cook at (419) 230-3534 or e-mail him at <superduke@webtv.net>.

After a long absence, this is the sixth consecutive year for a USAC sprint date at Toledo and the initial doubleheader for the sprint and midget divisions at the half-mile. Several vintage race cars will also be on display in the spectator concourse.

A large field of cars is expected in both divisions. Practice will begin at 3 pm, time trials are set for 5, and racing begins at 7:30 pm. There is no pre-sale of tickets for this event. The box office will open at 3 pm on race day. Toledo Speedway is located on Benore Road at the I-75/Alexis Road exit on the Michigan-Ohio border. The track phone number is (419) 727-1100.

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Paque Wins Thriller at Thunderhill

by Greg Areoni

STURGEON BAY, WI, June 18 -- Three-time track champion Craig Paque of Algoma won his first stock car feature of the season Saturday night at Thunderhill Raceway.

In a race that saw six different leaders, Larry Karcz led the opening five laps until he was overtaken by Ben Kroll. Greg Gretz then led a lap before Jeff Vlies took over on the next lap. Charlie Kroll and Paque then passed Vlies to take the top two spots, and on lap 12 Kroll blew his motor, turning the lead to Paque. With three laps to go Ben Kroll moved to the high side and swapped spots with Paque until the white flag flew, and at the finish line Paque edged Ben Kroll by half a car-length. Rounding out the top five were Gretz, Vlies and Gregorich. "It was nice to win my first feature of the season," said Paque. "I hope the fans liked the burnouts I did in front of the grandstand."

Roger Laviolette led the opening laps of the hobby stock main event until Tom Brumlic took the lead on lap 3, using the high line and then setting sail to win his first feature of the season. Laviolette finished second, and Eddie Anschutz made a last-corner pass to finish third over Tony Schie.

Anthony Herbst led the opening four laps of the modified A-main until Randy Lemieux, Jr., took over on lap 4. Lemieux continued to lead through a series of cautions midway through the race, but with six laps to go Matthias caught Lemieux. Then Matthias clipped a marker tire, and Jared Siefert then attempted to pass down low, but Lemieux was too tough and went on to win his first feature of the season, followed by Siefert, Eric Vanlent and Todd Dart.

Todd Polster led the opening laps of the street stock feature until Von Eytcheson made a pass of Polster on lap 4. Polster regained the lead and pulled away by three car-lengths to win the 15-lap event, his second feature win of the season, followed at the checkers by Eytcheson, Aaron Thornton and Jeremy Witala.

Tyler Smith took the lead after contact with Kenny Malcore, Kip Burlo and Tom Zastrow on lap 2, as Malcore got into Zastrow and almost spun Smith around in a four-wide run for the lead. Smith then continued on to lead and win his second four-cylinder feature in a row, followed at the checkers by Malcore and Burlo.

Racing on Saturday will begin at 6 pm.

RESULTS

IMCA MODIFIEDS

Feature: Randy Lemieux, Jr., Sturgeon Bay; Jared Siefert, Green Bay; Eric Vanlent, Green Bay; Todd Dart, Algoma; Brian Drexler, Oshkosh.

Consolation: Paul Parker, Kaukauna.

Heat 1: Anthony Herbst, Green Bay; Lemieux.

Heat 2: Scott Derenne,

Heat 3: Siefer.

IMCA STOCK CARS

Feature: Craig Paque, Algoma; Ben Kroll, Luxemburg; Jeff Vlies, Kewaunee; Greg Gretz, Kewaunee.

Consolation: Eugene Gregorich, Kewaunee.

Heat 1: Larry Karcz, Jr., Pulaski; Don Aregoni, Sturgeon Bay.

Heat 2: Vlies; Cory Cochart.

Heat 3: Jamie Surock, Kewaunee; Matt Junio, Casco.

IMCA HOBBY STOCKS

Feature: Tom Brumlic, Denmark; Roger Laviolette, Sturgeon Bay; Eddie Anschutz, Luxemburg; Dart.

Heat 1: Brandon Peterson, Sturgeon Bay; Derek Moede, Casco.

Heat 2: Jeff Lautenbach, Sturgeon Bay; Marcus Moede, Casco.

STREET STOCKS

Feature: Todd Polster, Baileys Harbor; Von Eytcheson, Forestville; Aaron Thornton, Forestville; Jeremy Witala, Green Bay.

Heat 1: Witala.

Heat 2: Eytcheson; Thornton.

FOUR-CYLINDERS

Feature: Tyler Smith, Luxemburg; Kenny Malcore, Milwaukee; Kip Burlo, Sturgeon Bay.

Heat: Smith; Malcore.



Sturgeon Bay's Randy Lemieux, Jr., held off a hard-charging Eric Van Iten (99) on his way to the IMCA modified feature win on Saturday night at Thunderhill Raceway.



Chad Pieschek (4) took an unexpected ride Saturday night at Thunderhill Raceway in the IMCA hobby stock feature. Pieschek made contact with another car and crashed into the infield tire barrier. (Dan Lewis photos)

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'Summer Rumble' Roars into Columbus 151; Schultz, Wangsness Win

by Jim Remsik

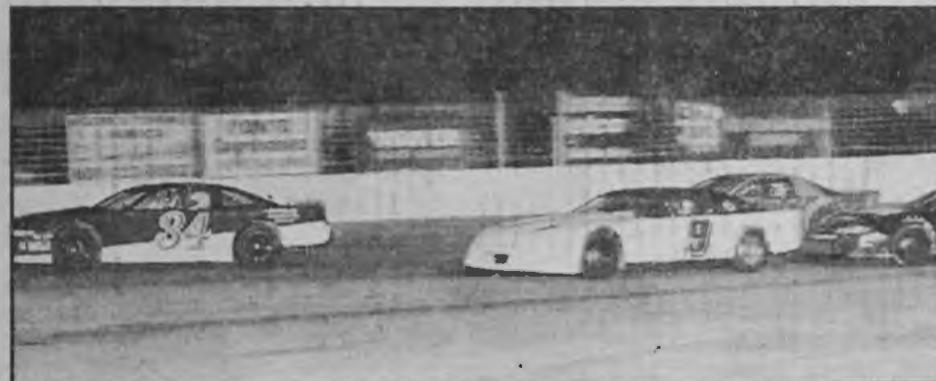
COLUMBUS, WI, June 10 -- The "Summer Rumble" got underway Friday night at Columbus 151 Speedway with 121 competitors on hand for the first round of the two-night, two-track series.

Dean Schultz grabbed the early lead from the outside of row 1 of the late model feature and couldn't be beat. An early caution for a spinning Jason Thoma slowed the field, but Schultz and Ron Bishopberger pulled away on the restart. By lap 27 Schultz found thick lapped traffic but was able to successfully navigate it to pick up his second feature win of the season, followed across the line by Bishopberger, Aaron Wilke, Jason Erickson and polesitter Bill Retallick.

Terry Wangsness, one of many drivers racing in multiple divisions, scored a victory in the 25-lap street stock feature. Wangsness and Dustin Ward got a jump on Jim Rohrbeck, while Don Trush charged hard from the fifth row to pressure Wangsness on lap 20, and cleared Wangsness a lap later. But on lap 22 contact with points leader Kevin Anderson sent Trush around; Anderson was sent to the rear and Trush was black-flagged. On the restart Chico Riedner applied heavy pressure for three straight laps, but Wangsness held on for the win, ahead of Riedner, Ward, Dale Weatherwax and Dan Schmidt.

In hobby stock feature action, Mike Storkson separated from the field as quickly as lap 4, but a lap 7 caution for fluid on the track drew him back. Caution flew again on lap 13 for Al Dorn's spin, after which the front three gained some separation from the field, and at the checkered flag Storkson was followed by Tyler Schultz, Lincoln Keeser, Brian Hebl and Brett Carson.

In the Bandit feature Rodney Mundt gained the early advantage, but Marc Balis relieved him of the lead on lap 2. On lap 15 Shaun



Dean Schultz (34) leads them out of the 1-2 corner on his way to a late model feature win Friday night at Columbus 151 Speedway.



Mike Storkson (94.1) leads the pack to the finish in Friday's hobby stock feature at '151'.



Shaun Scheel (8) beat Marc Balis (92) by inches to the Bandit feature win Friday at Columbus.

Scheel caught Marc Balis and began a battle for first that was decided in a photo finish, when Scheel beat Balis to the line. Chris Hart, Brian Paulson and Bryan Johnson followed.

Dave Moore scored the victory in the back-up car feature. A rare caution fell for Moore and Ryan Oetzel, but on the restart Moore resumed his lead, and at the line Moore was followed by Rick Verdon, rookie Ryan Oetzel, George Wachuta and returning veteran Jug Hur.

On Friday, June 24, the track will host two-car trailer races, and on July 1 it will run its "Cherry Bomb 50," along with blindfold races, a 50-lap late model feature, a 30-lap street stock feature and a 25-lap hobby stock feature.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS

Qualifying: Steve Dobratz, Rio, 13.260 secs.

Slow Heat: Kurt Clapper, Dane; Delbert Desjarlais, Columbus; Tony Koepke, Fort Atkinson.

Fast Heat 1: Jerry Echhardt, Johnson Creek; Dean Schultz, Juneau; Rob Retallick, Deerfield.

Fast Heat 2: John Wasserburger, Poynette; Aaron Wilke, Waterloo; Andy Wendt, Waterloo.

Semi-Feature: Koepke; Tyler James, Oconomowoc; Roger Behlke, Jefferson.

Feature: Schultz; Ron Bishopberger, Fort Atkinson; Wilke; Jason Erickson, Lake Mills; Bill Retallick, Marshall; Clayton Braaksma, Beaver Dam; Jim Syrvud, Portage; Tim Woollen, Sun Prairie; Wendt; Tim Noble, Janesville.

STREET STOCKS

Qualifying: Jason Thoma, Jefferson, 13.903 secs.

Heat 1: John Remsik, Watertown; Ken Morris, Madison; Troy Yohn, Waterloo.

Heat 2: Chico Riedner, Waunakee; James Helmer, Oconomowoc; Kevin Anderson, Helmer.

Cottage Grove.

Feature: Terry Wangsness, Delavan; Riedner; Dustin Ward, Beaver Dam; Dale Weatherwax, Cambria; Dan Schmidt, Watertown; Kyle Taylor, Stoughton; Curt Thompson, Fort Atkinson; Grant Lindner, Poynette; Jim Rohrbeck, Portage; Dennis Schwark, Sun Prairie.

HOBBY STOCKS

Qualifying: Jim Tate, Jr., Watertown, 15.140 secs.

Slow Heat: Kevin Zielski, Oconomowoc; Nick Newton, Jefferson; John Orr, South Milwaukee.

Fast Heat 1: Larry Moen, Madison; Mike Amador, Mazomanie; Mike Storkson, Evansville.

Fast Heat 2: Alan Dorn, Waterloo; Andy Raley, Fall River; Dennis Schmidt, Johnson Creek.

Semi-Feature: Dan Gosda, Sun Prairie; Orr; Steven Sauer, Waterloo.

Feature: Storkson; Tyler Schultz, Columbus; Lincoln Keeser, Whitewater; Brian Hebl, Mount Horeb; Brett Carson, Johnson Creek; Jim Williams, Milton; John Robinson, Beloit; Ken Au, Jefferson; Terry

Wangsness, Delavan; Tate.

BANDITS

Qualifying: Bryan Johnson, Stoughton, 16.103 secs.

Slow Heat 1: Sandra Ellis, Milton; Tyler White, Fort Atkinson; Brandon Kozak, Whitewater.

Slow Heat 2: Charley Spry, Orfordville; Sean Watters, Sun Prairie; Josh Bisbee, Deforest.

Fast Heat 1: Kevin Weaver, Deforest; Marc Balis, Edgerton; Kyle Stark, Waterloo.

Fast Heat 2: Chris Hart; Shaun Scheel, Johnson Creek; Troy Yohn, Waterloo.

Semi-Feature: Casey Streese, Watertown; Andrew Bauer; Stark.

Feature: Scheel; Balis; Hart; Brian Paulson, Edgerton; Johnson; Nicholas Nolden, Lodi; Rodney Mundt; Tom Bleeker, Watertown; Yohn; Ryan Destefano, Colgate.

BACK-UP DIVISION

Feature: David Moore, McFarland; Rick Verdon, Fitchburg; Ryan Oetzel, Brodhead; George Wachuta, Brooklyn; Jug Hur, Madison; John Remsik, Watertown; Jim Remsik, Madison; Wayne Hook, Oregon.

Dave Moore (11) gains on Ryan Oetzel (87) to take the lead and the win in the back-up feature at Columbus 151 on Friday night.

(D's Racing Imagery photos)

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Pokorski Picks Up Second EWSC Mod Win at Manitowoc Expo

by Sara Brion

MANITOWOC, WI, June 18 -- Paul Pokorski recorded his second EWSC winged super modified feature win at the Manitowoc County Expo Speedway on Saturday night, edging out Tim McMullen in an action-packed 30-lap feature.

On lap 1 Dan Kruschke and Jon Schraufnagel collided and Schraufnagel flipped over. The race was quickly stopped again when Chuck Tuschi slammed into the guardrail and barrel-rolled before coming to a halt upside down. When racing resumed Pokorski battled Billy Haefemann lap after lap wing to wing until lap 21, when the red flag came out again for Gary Laack's spin and rollover. Racing resumed with nine laps to go, and Pete Ostrowski and Haefemann raced wheel to wheel in the final laps

while trying to overtake Pokorski, but with four to go Ostrowski lost momentum with mechanical problems, and then Haefemann also encountered problems and fell back, giving room to McMullen, who raced his way into second place behind Pokorski. Dennis Klumb, Haefemann and Chad Kistner in fifth place.

Heat race winners were Klumb and Dave Deicher. In the first heat Butch Haefemann rolled over in a collision with Gary Laack.

Dan Dippel won the limited late model feature, followed by Rick Thompson, Keith Borth, Paul Dingel and Howie Weiss. Dippel worked his way quickly to the front and held off Thompson, who gave him a good battle for the win.

The LLM heat win also went to Dippel, followed by Thompson and Borth. Thompson denied Dippel of a clean sweep by taking the dash earlier in the evening.

Brian Gilles took home another clean sweep in the super stocks. Although the race was dominated by Brad Ruh, Gilles worked his way through the pack and, on the white-flag lap, took the lead from Ruh and held on for the win. John Dirks, Chad Ninmer and Duane Dippel completed the top five.

Gilles also collected dash and heat wins earlier, with Dirks and Gregg Hermann trailing in the heat. The second heat was won by Ben Schmidt, ahead of Ruh and Bob Peter.

The Mighty Fours saw Mark Kaufmann in the winner's circle. Kuhfuss, who led the pack by more than half a straightaway, led Samantha Meyer, Nic Schuette, Sandra Meyer and Amber Meyer in the top five. Early in the race Vicky Milbrath hit the guardrail, bounced off and spun.

Eastern Eight driver Bret Koehler also found his way to the winner's circle. Following Koehler were Gary VandenHouten, Mike Kaufmann, Alex Rathsack and Jay VanAsten. Rathsack won the heat race earlier, followed by Koehler, and VanAsten took third in the heat.

The super stocks, limited late models and modifieds did not qualify as usual, substituting instead six-lap dashes. Gilles won the super stock dash, Thompson was the winner in the limited lates, and Ostrowski won the mod dash.

EWSC racing will resume in two weeks at the Manitowoc Expo Speedway.

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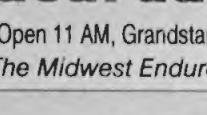
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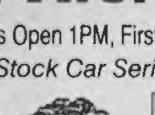
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Erickson, Ward, Storkson, Balis Win 'Summer Rumble' at Jefferson

by Larry & Jeanne Starr

JEFFERSON, WI, June 18 -- The finale of the "Summer Rumble," a combined event between Columbus 151 Speedway and Jefferson Speedway, was held at Jefferson on Saturday night, and racers in four divisions were in action competing for overall titles after two nights of racing at the two tracks.

Ken Olson of Fort Atkinson claimed top honors in the 50-lap late model feature. Jason Deppe guided the field for the first 27 laps before surrendering the point to John Ovadal, with Jason Erickson close behind and the 12th-starting Olson running fourth. Olson motored past Deppe on lap 31, then moved to the inside and made his way past Erickson on lap 36. Ovadal crossed the stripe in first, but his car failed its post-race technical inspection, giving the official win to Olson, followed by Erickson, Tim Noble, Ken Piotrowski and Deppe.

Erickson, of Lake Mills, combined a fourth-place finish at Columbus with the second-place finish at Jefferson to claim the overall late model championship in the "Summer Rumble."

Luke Padfield of Jefferson notched the victory in the 30-lap Sportsman main event. Larry Moen showed the way for the first 20 laps, while Padfield, who started 13th, claimed second on lap 17. Padfield then drove inside on lap 21 to make the winning pass, with Trent Erdman close behind in second. At the stripe Padfield was followed by Erdman, Curt Thompson, Jason Thoma and Moen.

Dustin Ward of Beaver Dam turned in a third-place finish at Columbus and a sixth a Jefferson to claim the overall Sportsman championship.

In hobby stock action Jim Robinson of Orfordville led the field flag-to-flag to claim the victory in the 20-lap feature. Starting outside on row 1, Robinson sprang to the lead and never looked back on his way to the checkers, followed by Eaan Carson, Jim Tate, Jr., and Larry Moen. Mike Storkson combined a win at Columbus with his fifth-place finish at Jefferson to claim the over-



Ken Olson (68) of Fort Atkinson takes the lead from Jason Erickson and went on to win the Bumper-To-Bumper 50-lap late model feature Saturday night at Jefferson Speedway.



Jefferson racer Luke Padfield (4) passes Dustin Ward (9) en route to winning the sportsman feature race at Jefferson Speedway Saturday.

all hobby stock championship.

Andy Bauler of Milton was victorious in the 18-lap Bandit main event. Starting inside on row 2, Bauler grabbed the lead on the first circuit, gave it up to James Bell on lap 8, then reclaimed the spot on lap 14. Bauler was followed by Kyle Stark, Bell, Troy Yohn and Kyle Riedner.

Marc Balis of Edgerton claimed the "Summer Rumble" overall championship for the Bandits with a second-place finish at Columbus and a ninth-place run at Jefferson.

Chris Nelson of Cottage Grove won the 20-lap International feature after starting ninth. Joe Cross led the way for four laps before surrendering the point to Mark English. Nelson claimed second on lap 9, then pulled inside on lap 13 and made the winning pass on lap 13. At the checkered flag it was Nelson was followed by English, Scotty Hoeft, Cross and Chris Chenoweth.

Jefferson Speedway will host its mid-season championships on Saturday, with a 50-lap late model

feature and extended features in all divisions. Gates open at 2 pm, qualifying is at 4:30 and racing starts at 7 pm. Jefferson Speedway is halfway between Cambridge and Jefferson on Highway 18.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS

Feature: Ken Olson, Ft. Atkinson; Jason Erickson, Lake Mills; Tim Noble, Janesville; Ken Piotrowski, Janesville; Jason Deppe, Waterloo; Steve Dobbratz, Rio; Roger Behlike; Tyler James; Tony Koepke, Fort Atkinson; Dylan Schuyler, Dousman.

Fast Qualifier: Erickson, 14.419 secs.

Dash: Schuyler.

Last Chance: Noel Ramge; Bret Schmidt; Aaron Wilke.

Heat Winners: Jerry Eckhardt; Dobbratz; Tim Petrie.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

Feature: Chris Nelson, Cottage Grove; Mark English; Scotty Hoeft, Watertown; Joe Cross, Sun Prairie; Chris Chenoweth, Watertown; Michelle Heimann, Madison.

Fast Qualifier: Nelson, 16.711 secs.

Dash: Nelson.

Heat Winners: Cross; English.

SPORTSMAN DIVISION

Feature: Luke Padfield, Jefferson; Trent Erdman, Fort Atkinson; Curt Thompson, Fort Atkinson; Jason Thoma; Larry Moen,

of the stops the IRA will visit. In fact, the record books have already been rewritten on several occasions thus far in 2005. New eight- and 12-lap records were established at the Knoxville (IA) Raceway as part of the IRA's visit in early May, and at the Wilmot Speedway rookie Matt Folstad broke Todd Hepfner's long standing one-lap track record. Joe Roe topped a list of 16 drivers that bettered Ricky Logan's track record at the Echo Valley Speedway in West Union, IA.

Seven different drivers have graced IRA's victory lane in the seven races held to date in 2005 - Wayne Johnson, Scott Young, defending IRA champ Scott Neitzel, Kerry Madsen, Roe, Danny Smith and Ken Mackey.



Cottage Grove's Chris Nelson (73) zooms past Mark English on lap 13 to take the lead and eventual win in the International class feature Saturday at Jefferson Speedway.



Jim Robinson led flag-to-flag to win the 20-lap hobby stock main event Saturday at Jefferson Speedway.



Andy Bauler of Milton was the top gun in the Bandit class feature at Jefferson Speedway Saturday. (Jefferson Speedway/H&H photos)

Robinson.

BANDITS

Feature: Andy Bauler, Milton; Kyle Stark, Waterloo; James Bell; Troy Yohn, Waterloo; Kyle Riedner, Waunakee; Bobby Selsing, Jr., Fort Atkinson.

Fast Qualifier: Yohn, 14.743 secs.

Dash: Tom Schuette, Fort Atkinson.

Consolation: Brad Knapp; Jim Pfeifer.

Last Chance: Tyler White; Kyle Watters; Marc Balis.

Heat Winners: Brad Knapp; Watters; James Bell; Tom Bleeker.

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PLOVER, WI, June 16 -- The Bumper to Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprint Series is shifting its 2005 schedule into high gear, with many events scheduled over the next few weeks for the touring winged 410 sprint car series.

On June 24 the Series visits the Superior Speedway for the first of two trips north in 2005. Then on June 25 the Series travels to the Deer Creek Speedway for the first-ever visit by an outlaw sprint series to the Spring Valley, MN, facility. On July 2 the Series will return to the Sheboygan County Fair Park in Plymouth, followed by a trip north to the Luxemburg Speedway on July 3 to cap off the Independence Day weekend. Then, on July 6, it's off to The Raceway at Powercom Park in Beaver Dam to meet up with the World of Outlaws national series in another IRA-supported program.

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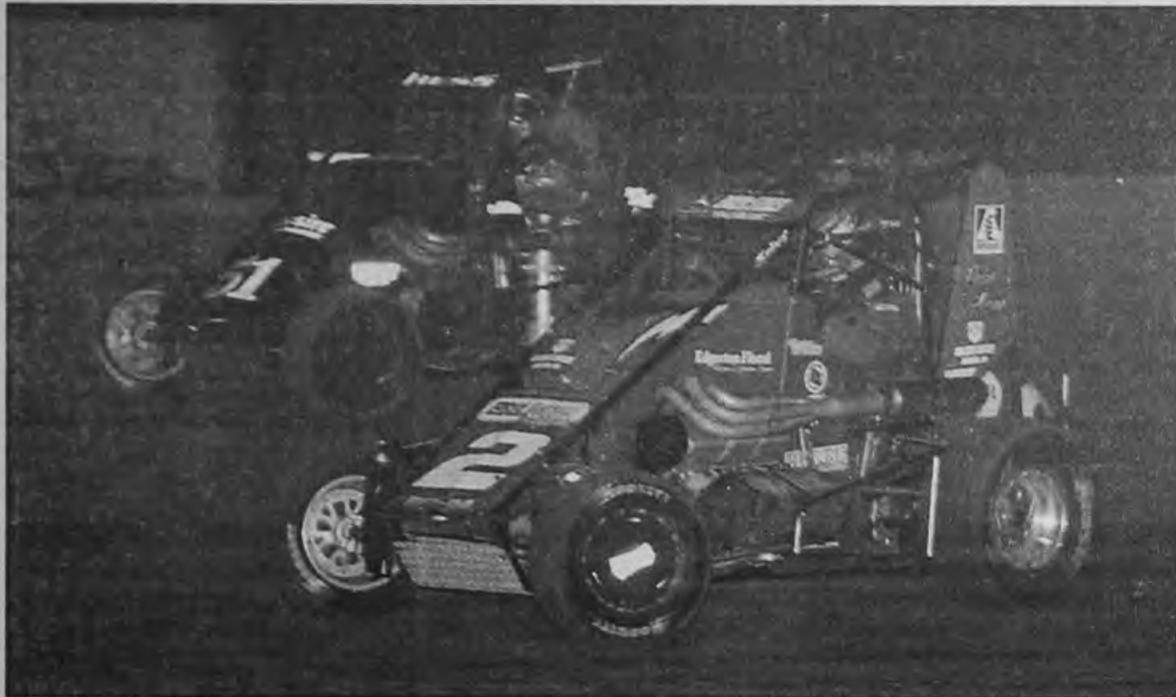
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During the Badger Midget Series race at Wilmot Speedway on Saturday night, Mike Hess (51) works the outside to battle for the lead with Danny Stratton (2). Hess finally got the lead and went on to win the race. (Kathleen McKay photo)

Hess Tops in Badger Midget Series Return to Wilmot

by Bryan Gapinski

WILMOT, WI, June 18 -- Mike Hess won a thrilling 30-lap Badger Midget Series feature Saturday night at Wilmot Speedway. The event, run before a huge crowd, marked the first Series appearance at the third-mile track since August 11, 1995.

Danny Stratton quickly moved from third to the lead on the opening lap, while Hess used the cushion on the multi-groove track to move into third place on lap 4. Three laps later Hess took over second, and Stratton and Hess ran wheel to wheel over the next few laps, exchanging slide jobs and using different grooves each lap. Hess took the lead on lap 10, three laps before a caution appeared for

a spun car.

On the restart, third-running Chad DeSelle made contact with another car and spun. On the next restart Hess and Stratton exchanged the lead several times, with Hess leading at the line. Series points leader Davey Ray soon

caught the pair, and the trio ran wheel to wheel until Ray retired with engine problems on lap 16.

Stratton led lap 18 but was passed by Hess on the next lap and spun. The final 11 laps saw Hess lead a close pack of cars, and over the final five laps he increased his lead to 2.83 seconds. Brandon Waelti finished second, followed by Ric Forbes, Scott Hatton and Kevin Doty.

Earlier in the night, Hatton

set a new one-lap track record in qualifying, and he also set a ten-lap record while winning the heat race. Hess established a new six-lap record in winning the trophy dash.

RESULTS

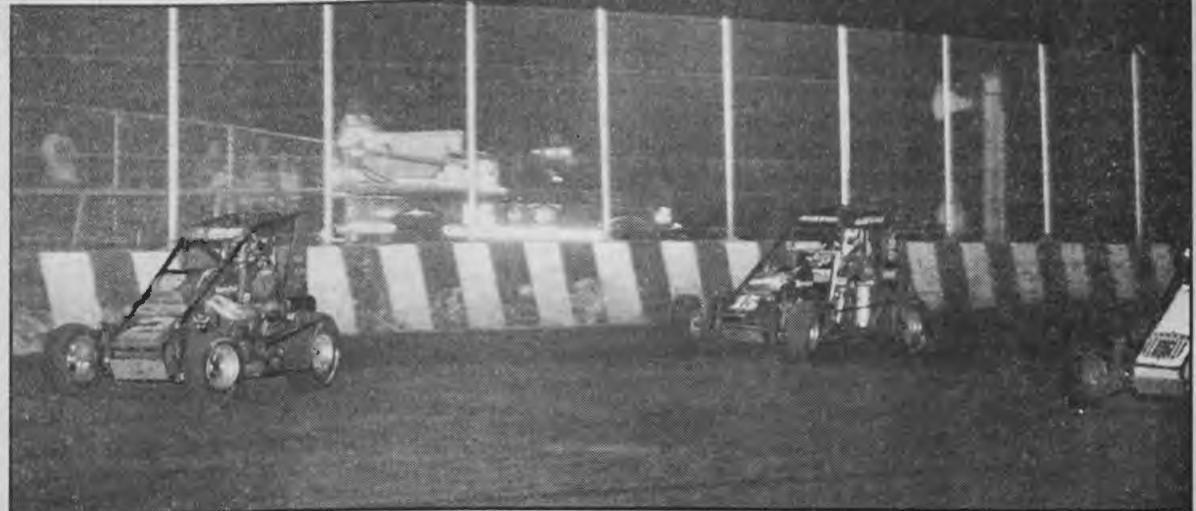
BMAR MIDGETS
Feature: 1-10: Mike Hess; Brandon Waelti; Ric Forbes; Scott Hatton; Kevin Doty; Aaron Fiscus; Craig Carey; Jeff Flesher; Kevin Olson; John Jones.

11-20: Nick Lundgreen; Chad DeSelle; Brad Paris; Bob Schreifler; Kurt Mayhew; Buddy Luebke; Patrick Jones; Jimmy Quin; Danny Stratton; Rick Mueller.

21-22: Davey Ray; Brian Ramstack.

Semi-Feature: Lundgreen.
Heat Winners: Hess, Waelti, Hatton, Jay Mounce.

Dash: Hess.
Fast Time: Hatton, 15.640 secs (NTR).



Danny Stratton (2) leads Scott Hatton (15) and Davey Ray (5) to the finish line to win the Badger Midget Series feature June 19 at Angell Park Speedway. Ray finished second, catching Hatton at the line; Hatton finished third. (Bob Cruse photo)

Stratton Scores Last-Lap Win at Angell Park

by Bryan Gapinski

SUN PRAIRIE, WI, June 19 -- California's Danny Stratton used a last-lap pass to win the 25-lap Badger Midget Series feature Sunday night at Angell Park Speedway. Stratton survived six restarts in the event - four due to red flags involving flipped cars.

After Kenny Adams' opening-lap flip caused a complete restart, Aaron Fiscus jumped into the lead closely followed by Stratton. Fiscus paced the initial six laps before Stratton moved in front, just as third-place Jerry Coons, Jr., retired with mechanical problems. The field then bunched up after a caution on lap 9 for a three-car accident.

Scott Hatton moved into second on lap 10, two laps before Craig Carey flipped violently down the front stretch; Carey escaped injury. On each restart Stratton pulled away from the field, only to see Hatton close on him after a

few laps, with Series points leader Davey Ray a close third.

Rick Mueller and Mike Hess escaped injury in separate flips on laps 18 and 21 of the event, and Stratton again got a nice jump on the field on the restart with four laps remaining. On lap 23 Hatton pulled even with Stratton exiting turn two, and he took the lead entering turn 3. Hatton took the white flag as the leader, but he drifted over the cushion in turn 2, allowing Stratton and Ray to pass him. Over the final half-lap Stratton held his line and finished one car-length ahead of Ray, with Hatton an additional car-length behind in third place. Chad DeSelle and Brandon Waelti completed the top five.

It was Stratton's first career feature win at the facility. Ray holds a 39-point lead over Waelti heading into the June 26 event at the track.

IRA Preps for Return to Luxemburg

LUXEMBURG, WI -- The fastest machines to ever tour Luxemburg Speedway's third-mile clay oval will return on Sunday night, July 3, when the Bumper to Bumper IRA

Outlaw Sprint Series will compete in a full points show along with IMCA-style modifieds.

The sprints last appeared at Luxemburg in 2003. "We're

pretty excited to be coming back to Luxemburg," said IRA president Steve Sinclair. "From what we're hearing the new track configuration is great, with a bit more banking than when we were on there two years ago. We should have a solid field of machines for that show."

IRA hotshot Mike Reinke took some recent hot laps at Luxemburg and observed, "There was certainly a lot of bite out there. I ran here in 2003 and the track was dry. I really like what they did with the track. With the holiday weekend we're looking to put on a great show for these fans up here."

The modifieds will compete under a normal weekly track-rules format, although with no claim. A draw-redraw format will be used to line up their feature.

Between 30-35 sprint cars from three states is expected, and racing starts at 6:30 pm. An autograph session will take place in the pit area from 2-3:45 pm, and admission is free to the pits for that session only. A nickel toss for kids will take place at intermission, and a bike will be given away to one lucky youngster.

Luxemburg Speedway is located 15 minutes east of Green Bay off of Highway 54 at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds. For more information, call (920) 863-8446; the track phone is (920) 845-2300.



Kevin Bowler dominated the two-cycle Junior Sportsman field again at Badger Raceway on Sunday. (Mike Weaver photo)

Joe Schaffer, Sr., made a run through the field to win the Briggs four-cycle Senior feature. Although he started at the rear, Schaffer picked off several spots in the first two laps and was in the

lead for good on lap 3.

Jesse Wirtz led flag to flag for another win in HPV Junior. Wirtz jumped out to a tremendous lead at the start, but Jacob Feder slowly ran him down and made a bid for the win on the white-flag lap. However, Wirtz was just too strong and took the win

over Feder by .09 seconds.

Other winners included Zack Emmons, Brian Julien, Joey and Scott Adler, Gavin Hallman, Kelsey Bauer, Aron Scalissi, Kevin Bowler, Mark Jung, Tommy Anderson and Robby Mueller.

Badger Kart Club will be open on Sunday for another points race.

RESULTS

125cc Shifter: Brian Julien, Melissa Mente.
Sr. Sportsman Heavy: Scott Adler, Nick Orth, Nick Rogutich.

Jr. SSX Can: Joey Adler, Patrick Olsen, Kyle Gluth.
Sr. Sportsman Lite: Ryan Lemmer, Joe Brenner, Walter Lehnhoff.

Yamaha Lite: Mark Jung, Charlene Jung, Mike Gahagan.

2-cycle Jr. Sportsman: Kevin Bowler, Ben Hewitt, Andrew Kiedrowski.

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HPV Sr. Lite: Zack Emmons, Nicole Baier, Ryan Graham.

HPV Jr. Sportsman: Tommy Anderson, James Bennett, Kyle Kalish.

HPV Jr.: Jesse Wirtz, Jacob Feder, Joey Adler.

Yamaha Heavy: Mike Fuchs, Randy Pyka, Jim Larson.

Briggs Animal Jr. Sportsman: Robby Mueller, Kodiak Wirtz, Andrew Hobbs.

Briggs Animal Heavy: Aron Scalissi, Kelsey Bauer, Tom Schroeder.

Briggs 4-cycle Sr.: Joe Schaffer, Sr., Willie Kostra, Rob Leichtfuss.

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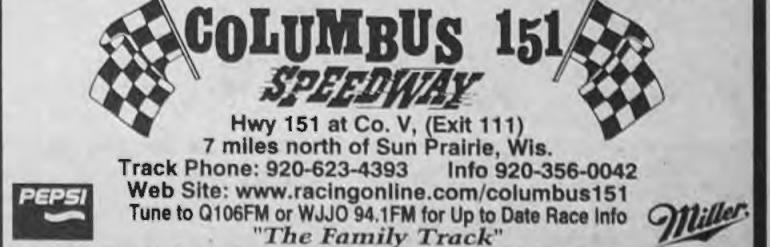
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Gregorich Takes 2nd in a Row; Zvolena Gets First Super Win at Marshfield

by Mae Schultz

MARSHFIELD, WI, June 18 -- Saturday night at Marshfield Super Speedway was one of close racing and few accidents, with Eugene Gregorich, Travis Zvolena, J.J. Flick and Cody Meyer pulling out feature wins.

The super late model feature started out with Pete Kempf quickly taking the lead, but with 15 laps to go Gregorich, who came from a 12th-place start, charged from third to steal the lead. A caution caused by trouble with John Totzke's car slowed the action, but Gregorich kept the lead through the restart. Ben Pettis gave Gregorich a good fight for the lead in the last few laps, but Gregorich held him off to win the race. Ben Pettis, who had the fast time in qualifying, finished second, with Elliot Weiler third, Keith Bohmsach fourth and Pete Kempf fifth.

Zvolena snatched his first super stock feature win, fighting off Andy Simonis for most of the race. Zvolena took the lead early in the race by using the inside groove. Then, with ten laps to go, Simonis caught up to Zvolena and tried multiple times to overtake him in the corners, but Zvolena fended him off to take the checkered. Bo Bennish, who ran third for much of the race, almost lost it in the last lap when his back-end broke free, but he regained control to finish third. Cale Laessig, who had the fastest qualifying time, was fourth, and Randy Emmerich took fifth.



Travis Zvolena (04) picked up his first super stock feature win in his racing career on Saturday night at Marshfield Super Speedway, as he held off Andy Simonis (91).

Adam Eckes started the mini-stock feature strong by jetting from fourth to the lead in the first lap, but Erin Schlough snuck between Eckes and Jeremiah Strauss to take the lead with 11 laps left. Then four cars got together, and after the restart Schlough lost momentum and fell back, while Flick pushed up from fourth to take the lead on the outside with five laps to go. Flick and Paul Berg battled for the lead during the remainder of the race, but Flick pulled out the win, with Berg second, Dan McGivern third, Eckes fourth and Erin Schlough fifth. Kevin Eckes, who had the fast qualifying time, was caught up in the accident and finished 14th.

Meyer followed up his win last week with another win on Saturday in the one-man cruiser division. He started first and his lead wasn't challenged. David Knauf, who had the fast qualifying time, finished second, with Tim Dickman third.

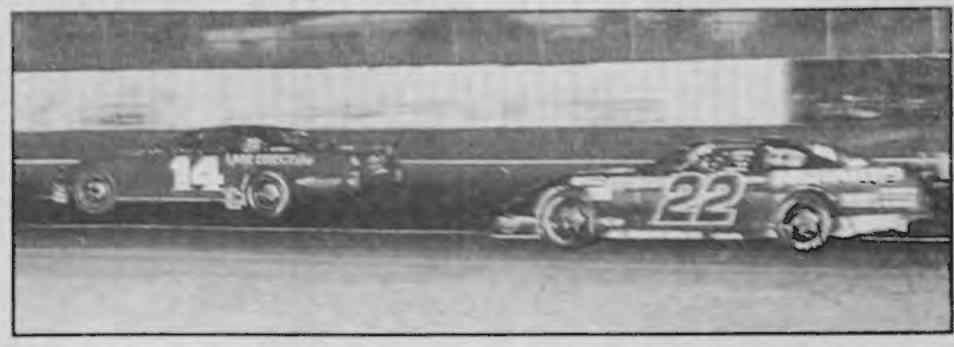
On Saturday, June 25, the Speedway will host its mid-season championships. Pits open at 3:30 pm, stands open at 5, qualifying is at 6 pm and racing starts at 7:30, with super late models, limited late models, super stocks, and one-man cruisers in action. In the event of rain, action will be on Sunday, starting two hours earlier. Marshfield Super Speedway is located 3.5 miles west of Marshfield on County Road H.

Fans are invited to vote in the "Race Fan Contest," where fans vote for the drivers they came to watch race, and the driver that earns the most votes will get two free pit passes for the next week, plus for every 20 votes a drivers gets he will receive a two-for-one coupon to give to his fans.

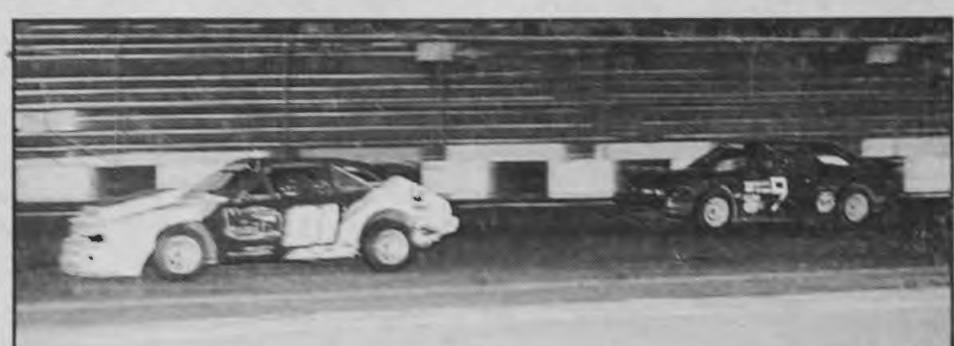
RESULTS

SUPER LATE MODELS

Qualifying: Ben Pettis, 17.994 secs.
Heat 1: Pete Kempf, Keith Bohmsach, Elliott Weiler.
Heat 2: Eugene Gregorich, Jr., Pettis.



Ben Pettis (22) settles into second place as he chases Eugene Gregorich, Jr. (14) in the super late model feature at MSS.



J.J. Flick (9) gains on Paul Berg (01) in the CWMSA four-cylinder feature Saturday at Marshfield. (D's Racing Imagery photos)

Rick Grunden.

Feature: Gregorich, Pettis, Weiler, Bohmsach, Kempf, Grunden, Jay Vanderveest, John Frazier, Greg Back, Tim Hintz.

SUPER STOCKS

Qualifying: Cale Laessig, 20.293 secs.
Heat: Bo Bennish, Andy Simonis, Randy Emmerich.

Feature: Travis Zvolena, Simonis, Bennish, Laessig, Emmerich, Randy Meyer, Wes Coon, Chad Scholl, Denny Crass, Matt Cournoyer.

FOUR-CYLINDERS

Qualifying: Kevin Eckes, Sr., 22.567 secs.

Heat 1: Ricky Brandl, Jake Nawrocki, Rob Barthen.

Heat 2: Steve Hauser, J.J. Flick, Erin Schlough.

Heat 3: Derk Hauser, Paul Berg, Dan McGivern.

Semi-Feature: R. Brandl, George Brandl, Brad Lueck.

Feature: Flick, Berg, McGivern, Adam Eckes, Schlough, D. Hauser, Don Dunow, Dale Louze, S. Hauser, Dylan Hockin.

ONE-MAN CRUISERS

Qualifying: David Knauf, 23.576 secs.
Heat: Cody Meyer, Knauf, Tim Dickman.

Feature: Meyer, Knauf, Dickman.

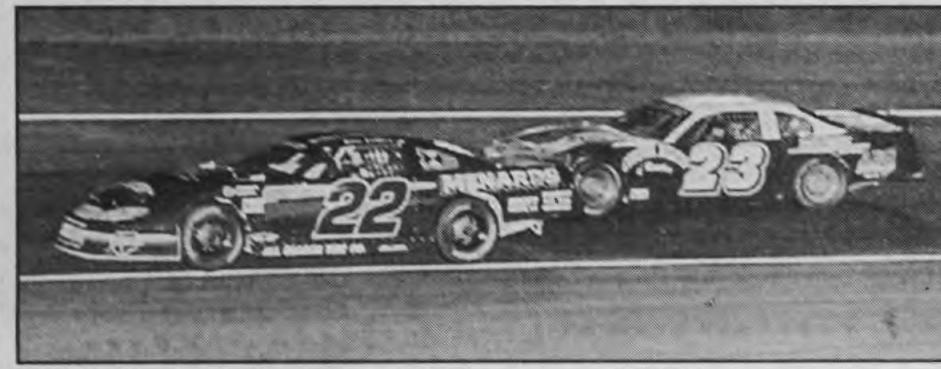
Marshfield Fan Appreciation Night Swept by Gregorich

by Mary Langreck

MARSHFIELD, WI, June 14 -- Many race fans and business people from Marshfield came out Tuesday night for racing action at the Marshfield Super Speedway.

Eugene Gregorich, Jr., took quick time and won the super late model feature. Gregorich and Elliott Weiler took to the outside groove and worked their way to the front as Dean LaPointe led the first four laps until Gregorich overtook him. Weiler challenged LaPointe on lap 9 and jumping outside to take second, then chased down Gregorich. With ten laps to go of the 25, lapped traffic became a factor, and just after Gregorich received the white flag the caution flew for a spun car. Since the leader was shown the white, the race was called complete, and Gregorich won his first feature here this season. Weiler took second, ahead of LaPointe, Kempf and Ben Pettis.

In the super stocks Andy Simonis grabbed fast time and Matt Pyburn won the feature. Randy Meyer led for the first two laps before Brian Weinfurter led the next five laps. Simonis grabbed the lead for one lap until Weinfurter gained it back, and Simonis and Weinfurter battled for several more laps before Bo Bennish then moved up to challenge. Pyburn and Cale Laessig raced for third as Weinfurter and Bennish raced door to door at the white, but as they came through turns 3 and 4 there was contact and the caution flew.



There was no catching Eugene Gregorich Tuesday night at Marshfield, so Ben Pettis (22) and Jay Vanderveest (23) battled for fifth in the super late model feature.

Since the white had been shown the race was scored as complete, but Weinfurter and Bennish were both put to the rear under the contact rule, and Pyburn moved up to take his first-ever super stock feature win. Behind him Laessig finished second, followed by Simonis, Randy Emmerich and Travis Zvolena.

Paul Berg was fast timer in the four-cylinder division, but Steve Stewart took the feature, which saw four lead changes. Kevin Eckes led the majority of the race, although Berg grabbed the lead for two mid-race laps. Three-wide racing was the way most of the drivers earned their spots, and Eckes got the lead back but was now challenged by Stewart, who led only the final lap to win the race. Erin Schlough took third, ahead of Dale Louze and Dylan Hockin.

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RESULTS

SUPER LATE MODELS

Qualifying: Eugene Gregorich, Jr., 18.072 secs.

Heat 1: Pete Kempf, Josh Bell, Jay Vanderveest.

Heat 2: Elliott Weiler, Ben Pettis, Gregorich.

Feature: Gregorich, Weiler, Dean LaPointe, Kempf, Pettis, Vanderveest, Derek Gress, Kyle Davis, John Frazier, Joel Schultz.

SUPER STOCKS

Qualifying: Andy Simonis, 20.202 secs.

Heat 1: Brian Weinfurter, Randy Meyer, Matt Raykowski.

Heat 2: Randy Emmerich, Travis Zvolena, Bo Bennish.

Feature: Matt Pyburn, Cale Laessig, Simonis.



Matt Pyburn (71) and Cale Laessig (01) race to overtake leader Andy Simonis (91) during the super stock feature Tuesday at Marshfield. Simonis wound up winning, with Laessig second and Pyburn finishing third.



Steve Stewart (13) takes the inside lane to get by Kevin Eckes, Sr. (5) and go on to win the CWMSA four-cylinder feature at Marshfield. (D's Racing Imagery photos)

Erin Schlough.

Heat 2: Adam Eckes, J.J. Flick, Dale Louze.

Feature: Steve Stewart, K. Eckes, Schlough, Louze, Hockin, A. Eckes, Berg, Ricky Brandl, Scotty Heoft, Jake Nawrocki.

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First Mod Win of Season for Reinwald at Powercom Park

by Dennis Thompson

BEAVER DAM, WI, June 18 -- A huge crowd was on hand Saturday night at The Raceway at Powercom Park to watch 134 cars battle it out on a fast third-mile clay oval.

Mark Brunner of West Allis grabbed the lead at the start of the 20-lap modified A-main. The first caution of the event came on lap 2 for a spin by Larry Walter, Jr., and on the restart John Stanton made a move on Brunner and took over the top spot. The caution waved for the second time on lap 5 for an incident involving Steve Mueller and Joe McGrath, and the field was slowed once again on lap 8 for Scott Lewis. Stanton remained out in front after the restart but was challenged by Russ Reinwald, who had worked his way up from the sixth row and tried to get by on the inside. On lap 15 Reinwald slipped past Stanton on the inside to take over the lead, and Stanton's strong run ended after contact between a couple of cars resulted in Stanton crashing into the front straight wall. Reinwald pulled away and picked up his first win of the season, while Ralph Schneider ran near the front throughout and came home second. Points leader Jay Schraufnagel drove from the ninth row to finish in third, Eddie Lemay, Jr., moved up through the pack to take fourth, and Larry Zirbel also moved up from the seventh row to finish in fifth.

Tim Doehling took the lead from Nathan Persha on lap 5 of the Grand Nationals 20-lap A-main, while Roger Lee quickly moved in to challenge. Lee made several attempts to get by Doehling on the inside and finally made the move work and pulled out in front on lap 16. Doehling fought back and retook the lead one lap later, and Lee's bid for the win ended when his rear tire went down. Doehling came across the line first to claim his second win of the season, while Don Sorce, Jr., won the battle for second over Steve Seitz. Tommy Moore charged from the back to finish in fourth, and Nick Schumacher followed in fifth. Sorce's second-place finish moved him into the lead in the points standings.

Nate Schupp of Beaver Dam took over the points lead in the stocks



Modifieds stacked up behind Scott Uttech (74) in turn 3 Saturday at The Raceway at Powercom Park. (Rich photo)



A "hockey game" broke out early in the Dirt Devil feature June 18 at R@PP. Shown are Jimmy Berkevich (19), Kevin Schutz (33), Scott Baake (18), Tim Sheppard (29), Noah Schepp (89), Kevin Allard (57A), Billy LeMay, Jr. (12) and Charlie Rechek (05). (Bob Cruse photo)

division when he drove to victory in the 20-lap A-main. Schepp took the lead with three laps remaining when he got by Jasper Drentler for his first win of the season. Drentler finished second ahead of Chuck Hummelmeier, who paced the field for the first 14 laps. Don Vander Galien drove to fourth, and Jerry Kope finished fifth.

Joel Wytenbach added to his

points lead as he captured his third win of the season in the Legends 20-lap A-main. Aaron Rake, who led for several laps, drove another strong race to finish second, while Warren Ropp won the battle for third by crossing the line ahead of Eric Barth and early race leader Joe Surprise.

Jon Schultz raced into the lead on lap 12 of the 20-lap Dirt Devils A-main and remained out in front the



Legend cars race four-wide for position during the feature at Powercom Park Saturday. Shown are Joey Johnson (22), Kevin Brill (92), Tom Henricks (57) and Darwin Banes (1). (Bob Cruse photo)



Tim Doehling (5), Dion Wahl (77) and Nick Schumacher (47) battle for position in the Grand National A-main Saturday at Powercom Park. (Rich photo)

rest of the way to capture his second win of the season. Mike Mueller led for a good portion of the event and finished second, while Jeremy Schwoch had a good run for a third-place finish. Nick Firari cracked the top five for the first time this season by taking fourth, and Aaron Stolp was fifth.

RESULTS

MODIFIEDS

A-Main: Russ Reinwald, Ralph Schneider, Jay Schraufnagel, Eddie Lemay Jr., Larry Zirbel, Billy Lemay, Mark Brunner, Chris Piquette, Steve Mueller, Marc Caswell.

B-Main Winners: Scott Lewis, Rick Strommen.

Heat Winners: Dennis Schultz, Joe McGrath, Brunner, Reinwald, John Stanton, Lemay.

GRAND NATIONALS

A-Main: Tim Doehling, Don Sorce, Jr., Steve Seitz, Tommy Moore, Nick

Schumacher, Shane Heaney, Roger Lee, Tom Robbins, Curt Beek, Kevin Rank.

Heat Winners: Heaney, Doehling.

STOCKS

A-Main: Nate Schepp, Jasper Drentler, Chuck Hummelmeier, Don Vander Galien, Jerry Kope, Derrick Vander Galien, Craig Lepple, Matt Bedker, Eric Grunst, Jerry Winkler.

Heat Winners: Kope, Vander Galien.

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A-Main: Joel Wytenbach, Aaron Rake, Warren Ropp, Eric Barth, Joe Surprise, Adam Reed, Keith Moline, Joe Johnson, Bethany Wytenbach, Darwin Banes.

Heat Winners: Rake, Greg Hartlaub.

DIRT DEVILS

A-Main: Jon Schultz, Mike Mueller, Jeremy Schwoch, Nick Firari, Aaron Stolp, Roger Frank, Dustin Schwandt, Andy Gross, Tim Sheppard, Kevin Allard.

B-Main: Jolene Wille.

Heat Winners: Kevin Schutz, Frank, Ron Koenig.

LMS No Longer Running at Powercom Park

BEAVER DAM, WI, June 10 -- In a decision made by officials of the Wisconsin Dirt Late Model Association, The Raceway at Powercom Park has temporarily suspended the late model division from participation in its remaining scheduled events for the 2005 racing season, effective with the June 18 race program at the Beaver Dam track.

In anticipation of the WDLMA's founding in October 2004, representatives from Wisconsin Motorsports & Entertainment, LLC, and the WDLMA agreed upon 17 scheduled events for the late model group at both the Park and the Powercom SpeedZone in Oshkosh in 2005. A pre-approved and formulated payout based on a car count, combined with an established program of events made up of qualifying, B-mains (based solely on car counts) and a single A-main event per race program was acknowledged and documented as procedure on the nights of WDLMA participation at both Powercom Park and the Speed Zone. However, the car counts did not meet the expectations of neither track management nor the WDLMA.

After several weeks of participation, a request made by the WDLMA to Wisconsin Motorsports to substitute qualifying with heat races also proved to be ineffective in producing more participants.

Until the participation of late model drivers can be improved upon, the decision to revert back to a regular line-up of scheduled divisions will remain take effect for Saturday night racing at Beaver Dam. The WDLMA has requested to remain on schedule at the SpeedZone for the remainder of the season and will continue to compete there and fulfill its obligation for its remaining seven events there in 2005.

Bill Behling, speaking on behalf of the late model drivers, strongly urges all WDLMA members to support Tuesday night racing at the 'Zone, where a car count of 20 or more is realistically attainable. The nightly format at the SpeedZone will remain as agreed upon, and the late model payout will be based upon the predetermined 20-car obligation.

Wanta Wins First Street Stock Feature at Antigo

ANTIGO, WI, June 17 -- Dan Wanta claimed his first-ever street stock feature win on Friday at the Langlade County Speedway.

Mark Schuenemann grabbed the early lead of the feature with Dave Krueger a close second. On lap 2 Gary Kasperek took over second, and he then took the lead before the caution flag appeared. Wanta was second on the restart, and after the top three went three-wide Wanta jumped to the lead and took home his first-ever feature win, with Lee Christjohn second and Kasperek third.

A.J. Diemel jumped to the lead from the pole in the late model feature ahead of Gordie Seegert, while Ron Berna took the inside line around Terry Casey for third. After a caution flag Berna moved to second and brought Casey to third, and then Casey got by Berna for second but did not have enough time to catch Diemel.

The modified feature started with a couple of cautions, but when the green flag finally dropped Charlie Wild took the point, Mike Wedelstadt took second after a caution flag came out, but Eric Scribner jumped into second as the caution flag returned. The race ended with a green-white-checkered run, and Wild took home the win, over Williams and Wedelstadt.

In the stock car feature Asa Doxtator grabbed the lead ahead of Steve Kastning. Dan Michonski made his way to third and then took over second, with Larry Karcz following Michonski into third and then into second when Michonski went for the lead. Barry VanStraten took over third as the laps wound down, and Karcz took home the win over Michonski.

Lee Christjohn won the street stock



Dan Wanta won his first ever WISSOTA street stock feature Friday night in Antigo. (Jennifer Jach photo)

Feature: Wild, Williams, Wedelstadt, Arneson, Bartz.

Heat 1: Wedelstadt, Wild, McDermid.

Heat 2: Rohloff, Arneson, Thorpe.

Heat 3: Schutt, Diestler, Bailey.

Heat 4: Scribner, Moeller, Hedrick.

Consolation 1: Williams, Murray, Malmquist.

Consolation 2: Bartz, Hanson, Berna.

IMCA STOCK CARS

Feature: Belland, Karcz, Giese, Doxtator, VanStraten.

Heat 1: Giese, Belland, VanStraten.

Heat 2: Karcz, Michonski, Doxtator.

WISSOTA STREET STOCKS

Feature: Wanta, Christjohn, Kasperek, Fetzer, Wolfe.

Heat 1: Christjohn, Fetzer, Howard.

Heat 2: Kasperek, Wanta, Wolfe.

Make-up Feature: Christjohn, Wolfe, Kasperek.

TRUCKS

Feature: Remington, Becker, Bostwick, Ripley, Arrowood.

Heat 1: Bostwick, Devener, Remington.

Heat 2: Dake, Ripley, Becker.

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Mullen Scores Second Straight Luxemburg Mod Win

by Joe Verdegan

LUXEMBURG, WI, June 17 -- Seymour's Brian Mullen took the lead on a lap 11 restart and won his second straight 25-lap modified feature at Luxemburg Speedway Friday night. A total of 122 cars signed in, including 40 IMCA modifieds.

Eighteen-year-old rookie Dave Werbelow swapped the lead with Dean Maurer during the first 11 laps of the race, but an Eddie Muenster spin tightened the field. Mullen had already advanced from his seventh starting spot to second, and on the restart he ducked under Werbelow to take the lead. Mullen then survived a pair of late-race caution flags to capture the win. Tim Van De Hei, Todd Dart, Benji LaCrosse and Randy LeMieux, Jr., placed second through fifth, respectively.

Kewaunee's Shawn Kilgore survived a late-race caution to capture the 22-lap stock car feature. Corey Suchoski and Bernie Reinhardt traded the lead for the first several laps of the contest, with Suchoski taking the lead on lap 6. But Brian Bruechert and Kilgore scooted past the field using the outside lines, advancing to first and third, respectively, when the caution flew on lap 13 for Josh Massart's and Eugene Gregorich's tangle. When racing resumed Kilgore bolted into second, and the lead pair ran door to door for the next several laps. Suchoski's spin on lap 19 set up a three-lap dash to the finish, with Kilgore holding on for the win. Charlie Kroll nipped Bruechert at the line for second, and Jeff Vlies and Jamie Colwell rounded out the top five finishers.

Casco's Derek Moede led wire to wire en route to his first 15-lap hobby stock feature win of the season. Moede held off a fast-closing Tony Schlei in the final laps of the contest. Jesse Kanas, Ed Anschutz and Tom Brumlic rounded out the top five finishers.

Dan Dippel of Plymouth captured the caution-free 14-lap limited late model feature, while Shawano's Hollie Welch captured her first ten-lap Lady Four feature. Bonduel's Greg Bunker won the 15-lap sport four feature.

On Thursday night, June 23, the United States Modified Touring Series will make its annual appearance at the track for a \$2,000-to-win, 40-lap feature. IMCA-style stock cars and hobby stocks, along with 141 Speedway hob-

bys, will run without the sanction on that evening. There will be no racing at Luxemburg Speedway on Friday, June 24, but weekly Friday night racing will resume on July 1 with an IMCA stock car special. The track's other regular divisions will also be in action, and a huge fireworks display is also on tap. For more information, call (920) 863-8446; the track phone number is (920) 845-2300.

RESULTS

IMCA MODIFIEDS

Feature: Brian Mullen, Seymour; Tim Van De Hei, DePere; Todd Dart, Algoma; Benji LaCrosse, Luxemburg; Randy LeMieux, Jr., Sturgeon Bay; Scott Mullen, Seymour.

Semi-Feature 1: R.M. Van Pay, Green Bay; Jeremy Jacobs, Kewaunee; Chris Derenne, Luxemburg.

Semi-Feature 2: LaCrosse; S. Mullen; Sean Jerovetz, Little Suamico.

Heat 1: Van De Hei; Jay Matthias, DePere.

Heat 2: Dean Maurer, DePere; LeMieux.

Heat 3: Art Siefert, Green Bay; B. Mullen.

Heat 4: Eddie Muenster, Green Bay; Dart.

LIMITED LATE MODELS

Feature: Dan Dippel, Plymouth; Nathan Yonkers, Little Chute; Jeff Curtin, Shawano; Jesse Peebles, Shawano; Rocky Miller, Bear Creek; Bob Schmidt, Marion.

Heat: Dippel; Yonkers.

IMCA STOCK CARS

Feature: Shawn Kilgore, Kewaunee; Charlie Kroll, Forestville; Brian Bruechert, Kewaunee; Jeff Vlies, Algoma; Jamie Colwell, Greenleaf; Craig Paque, Algoma.

Semi-Feature 1: Jason Czarapata, Pulaski; Eugene Gregorich, Kewaunee; Kyle Frederick, Gillett.

Semi-Feature 2: Kroll; Gene Johnson, Sobieski; Laurel Etien, Luxemburg.

Heat 1: Bernie Reinhardt, Sturgeon Bay; Josh Massart.

Heat 2: Kilgore; Colwell.

Heat 3: Bruechert; Greg Gretz, Kewaunee.

Heat 4: Corey Suchoski, Bolt; Dave Bouche, Algoma.

IMCA HOBBY STOCKS

Feature: Derek Moede, Casco; Tony Schlei, Zion, IL; Jesse Kanas, Lomira; Ed Anschutz, Algoma; Tom Brumlic, Denmark; Dave DeGrave, Luxemburg.

Heat 1: Keith Kickbush, Kewaunee; Ed Danoff, Green Bay.

Heat 2: Kanas; Anschutz.

SPORT FOURS

Feature: Greg Bunker, Bonduel; Tim Peer, Green Bay; D.J. Jorgenson, Freedom; Tom Jorgenson, Freedom; Tyler Smith, Luxemburg.

Heat 1: Bruce Sand, Mishicot; Bunker.

Heat 2: Peer; Smith.

LADY FOURS

Feature: Hollie Welch, Shawano; Rachel Czarapata, Pulaski; Sue Cherney, Mishicot; Amanda Johnson, Seymour; Rachelle Junio, Casco.

Wiitila Ekes Out First Streeter Win at Seymour

SEYMOUR, WI, June 19 -- After a less than perfect start to the 2005 season at the new third-mile Seymour Speedway oval, everything clicked Sunday night for a great show.

In the street stock feature Troy Wilson setting the pace for the opening lap, but Mike Pierrard took the lead on lap 2 and pulled away. A couple cautions kept the field bunched until Fred Davister moved into second on lap 10 and Jeremy Wiitila, moved into third on lap 12. The trio pulled away, with Wiitila hooking up on the outside, before a final caution on lap 17 set up a three-lap dash, and Wiitila held the outside line on the final lap and nipped Pierrard at the finish line by inches for his first feature win of the season. Davister crossed in third but was later disqualified, giving David Hoerning third, Tony Peebles fourth and Joe Wittmann fifth.

Brandon Czarapata started the stock car main on the pole and quickly opened up a lead. A lone caution bunched the field on lap 7, and Jason Czarapata pulled into second after the restart and challenged Brandon on the outside line. Brandon held the lead until the field took the white and he slipped, giving Jason the break he needed to pull ahead and win his first feature here since June 1, 2003. Brandon was second, followed by Larry Karcz, Jr., Darren Otto and Jamie Colwell.

Three cautions kept the first seven laps of the modified feature close, as Paul Parker set the pace for the opening two circuits before Jared Siefert took control on lap 3. After the lap 7 caution Siefert opened up his lead running



Oh, so close! Mike Pierrard (25) led most of the street stock feature Sunday night at Seymour, but Jeremy Wiitila caught him on the final lap and took the win by a bumper at the finish line.

(Panske Ent. photo)

the outside line, and a final caution ended the run a lap early, giving Siefert his first

feature win of the season here. Chad Wilcox finished second but was light at the scale after the race, moving Parker back into second, followed by Dan Deau, Chris Engles and Jarrod Anvelink.

Nick Anvelink sat on the pole and established the early lead in the late model feature before the race's lone caution on lap 4 bunched the field. A.J. Diemel got by Pete Parker on the restart, and Anvelink and Diemel pulled away, the pair swapping lanes several times. Diemel was scored as the leader entering the final lap, and they were side by side again coming out of the final turn, but a determined sprint to the checkers gave Anvelink a slight edge to capture his first feature win of the season here. Troy Springborn took third, and

Parker and Roffers rounded out the top five.

Matt Gilson set the pace for the first three laps of the four-cylinder feature before Matt Oershovich pulled into the top spot on lap 4. A couple of cautions midrace kept the field bunched as Matt Maleport moved into second on lap 6, and a couple of laps later held the lead briefly, but Oershovich retook the top spot and opened a lead over the final six laps for his second straight win. Tim Jorgenson took second, with Kevin Birr third, Jeff Kropp fourth and Jeremy Arneson fifth.

N.E.W. DIRT would like to thank all of the fans, drivers and crews for their strong support though the first few weeks. Racing continues through Labor Day every Sunday night at 5 pm.



Second Wind Nets Gress Super Late Model Win at Golden Sands

by Jeffrey Sachse

PLOVER, WI, June 17 -- A second wind and a burst of speed brought Monte Gress back to the lead after surrendering it during the super late model main event on Friday evening at Golden Sands Speedway. His win came almost exactly one year to the day since his last feature checked on the high-banked third-mile raceway.

Gress used the outside line to edge ahead of Pat Williams for the opening lead. On lap 18 the event was slowed to reposition Mark Van, who was penalized two positions for using too much raceway after being notified to pick a line. It was the only slowdown of the contest. When the green flag flew again John Totzke, Jr., shot into second using the low line, then pulled alongside Gress and nosed ahead for the lead on lap 25. But Gress reeled him back in and retook the lead within the final ten laps, while Joe Krzykowski charged toward the front, sailing past Totzke for second with four laps remaining. At the white flag Gress had a car-length on Krzykowski, but a tangle between Travis Sauter and defending champion Mark Eswein forced the event to finish under caution. Totzke netted third place ahead of Williams, and Jason Weinkauf rounded out the top five.

Scott Hamel recorded his second super stock feature win of the season after a side-by-side duel with Randy Storlie in a non-stop contest. Storlie got the best of Roger Stanczyk during the opening laps of the contest, while Hamel moved under Stanczyk on lap 3 for position. Hamel then opted for the outside line



Monte Gress (107.5) used the high line to fend off the challenges of Pat Williams (27) during the opening stages of the super late model feature event. Gress scored the win Friday night at Golden Sands Speedway.

and drew alongside Storlie, and the two raced side by side for the next dozen laps until Hamel slowly gained the advantage with ten laps to go. Hamel then dropped into the lower groove and pulled away to the win of the season. Galen Manternatch worked alongside Storlie with a pair of laps to go and won the drag race to the checkered for second, while fourth went to first-time fast qualifier Brian Schmutz. Points leader Tim Plowman finished fifth.

The pure stock main event saw fast qualifier Brad Gurski slice through the field for a convincing win. Brian Blenker paced the first two laps, but he gave up his lead after the race's lone caution to Wally Higgins. Gurski came from deep in the field and was in second by mid-race; before lap 8 began he burst into the

lead. Troy Engman reached second by lap 10, but Gurski had built up a quarter-lap lead and held that margin to the checkered. Higgins, Dean Zakrzewski and Andrew Hintz also finished in the top five.

Fourteen-year-old Dallas Kralovetz, making his debut here, edged out division points leader Mike Oehmichen for the victory in the four-cylinder feature to become the youngest feature winner in Speedway history. Kralovetz, who has seven seasons of kart racing on his resume, was in third when the lead pair tangled, and on the restart he pulled away from the field. Oehmichen closed within a couple car-lengths over the final five laps but finished second, ahead of Timothy Gorecki, Randy Polansky and Jennifer Nitzsche.

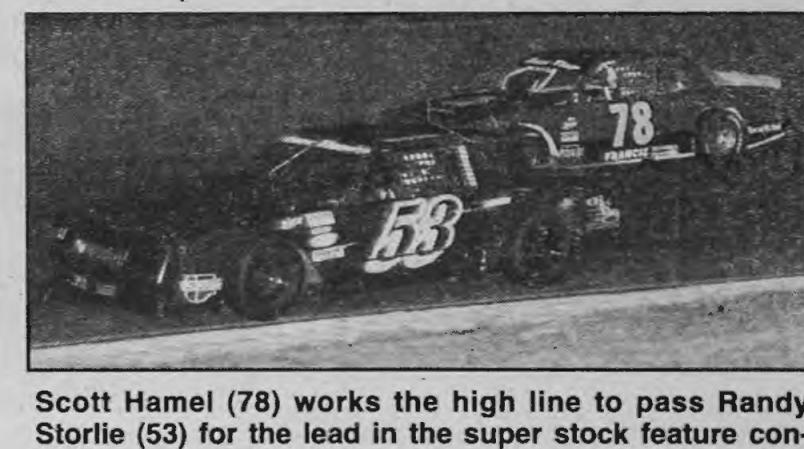
Semi-Feature: Dillon Kralovetz; Keith Bohmsach; Mark Mackesy.

Heat 1: Dick Coleman; Gene Coleman; Blake Horstman.

Heat 2: Brady Baldry; Steve Gress; Bohmsach.

Heat 3: Frank Nitzke; Williams; Mackesy.

Heat 4: Nelson; Mark Eswein;



Scott Hamel (78) works the high line to pass Randy Storlie (53) for the lead in the super stock feature contest Friday at 'Sands'.

Jeffrey Sachse photos

PURE STOCKS

Fast Qualifier: Selle, 12.023 secs.

SUPER STOCKS

Feature: Scott Hamel; Galen Manternatch; Randy Storlie; Brian Schmutz; Tim Plowman; Wes Coon; Mike Brooks; Roger Stanczyk; Sam Anderson; Collin Wilcott.

Semi-Feature: Ken Soyka; Tim Zuehlke; Dan Braun.

Heat 1: Matt Osowski; Ken Soyka; Duane Robinson.

Heat 2: Zuehlke; Brad Scholze; Storlie.

Heat 3: Anderson; Coon; Hamel.

Fast Qualifier: Schmutz, 13.293 secs.

FOUR-CYLINDERS

Feature: Dallas Kralovetz; Mike Oehmichen; Timothy Gorecki; Randy Polansky; Jennifer Nitzsche; Brandon Polansky.

Heat Winners: Randy Nitzsche; Dale Robinson.

Fast Qualifier: Robinson.



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Five in a Row for Wallace at Lake Geneva Raceway

LAKE GENEVA, WI, June 17 -- Friday night at Lake Geneva Raceway saw the largest crowd so far this season come out to see over 100 race cars put on a great show.

Seventeen-year-old Josh Wallace of Pell Lake easily won the 25-lap late model feature for the fifth straight week. Joe Rusciano charged in front early before the first caution flag flew on lap 3, when he lost power and slowed in front of the field. On the restart Carrie Dygon moved in front, while Ralph Gentile moved around Ken Johnson one lap later for second. On lap 10 Paul Dygon charged into the lead for a lap before Keith Tolf snuck in front, but with five laps to go Wallace maneuvered through and inched ahead for the win. Sonny Schaffen nipped Tolf for second, with Brian Ulrich and Gentile completing a close top five.

Fifteen-year-old Michael Cooter of Machesney Park, IL, won his fourth 15-lap bandolero feature. Kyle Palma and Collin Laursen raced side by side for the early lead before Palma took charge. Cooter moved into second and then raced alongside Palma for two laps before moving in front. The only caution came on lap 9 when Kyle Justis nearly collected the wall hard but merely bounced off, and on the restart Cooter held back Branden Allen and went on to win the event. Allen and Laursen raced side by side, and Larsen pulled off a slick move to take second with Allen at his side. Palma was fourth and Hope Bidlack took fifth.

Sixteen-year-old Ernie Schaal of Wauconda, IL, made it two in a row by finishing the close 15-lap legends feature in front of the field. Don Schaal took to front ahead of Eric Lokemoen, who moved from eighth to second in the first lap. But Ernie Schaal took second and, within two laps more, passed his father for the lead. The event ran non-stop as Schaal scored the win, while Lokemoen crossed the line ahead of Michael Bilderback for second while Curt Gnatzig got caught behind a slow car and landed fourth. Don Schaal ended up fifth.

Steve Doherty of Woodstock, IL, set the fast time and won the Basic International Car 15-lap feature,



Eventual winner Josh Wallace (8) passes Rob Maule (99) on his way to his fifth straight Millennium late model feature win Friday at Lake Geneva Raceway.



Andy Krueger (22) battled hard with David Donohue to win his third consecutive Weapons division main.



Glen Vernezze (18), Chris Thomazin (11) and Barry Trusky (72) do battle during mini-mod heat race action Friday at LGR. Vernezze won the event.

which was run backwards on the quarter-mile track. Roger Schultz dove from the pole into the lead ahead of first-nighter Tim Redden. The only caution came on lap 4, but on the restart Kevin Hill climbed into second and then took the lead on lap 6. Schultz went back in front one lap later, but Doherty took over on lap 9 and never looked back. Schultz was second, with Jack Rabey, Andy Portzen and rookie Tom Homan next.

Curt Thomazin of Elkhorn won his first mini-modified feature. Jerry Giuliano won the initial race to the corner, but Thomazin scooted around the leader on lap 2 with Mike VanHouten following. On lap 10 Glen Vernezze and Bill Trusky made contact for the only caution of the event, and in a five-lap dash Thomazin finished just in front of VanHouten. Third went to Chris Thomazin, fourth to Giuliano, and Trusky recovered for fifth.

Points leader Andy Krueger of Lake Geneva won the 15-lap weapons feature on the last lap. Guest driver Roger VanBergen and Reid Kahrs, Jr., each led a lap before first-nighter driver David Donahue moved in front. Krueger, who also set fast time, challenged Donahue for nine laps until, on the white-flag lap, Krueger came across the line first. Mark Tomasi was third, Kahrs hung on for fourth, and VanBergen was fifth.

Before the program, late model fast qualifier Brian Ulrich talked about Dean Sadowski, who passed on June 13 after a long bout with cancer. Sadowski was a IMCA modified driver who raced a few specials at LGR as well as attended as many weekly programs here as he could.

Next Friday night the Rascal Outlaws and Midwest sport trucks return; the Legend and bandolero cars are off. Time trials begin at 6 pm and racing is at 7:30.

Steve Doherty (49) prepares to take the lead from Roger Schultz (10) on his way to victory in the BIC feature, which was run clockwise. (Mark Melchiori photos)

RESULTS

INEX BANDOLEROS

A-Main: Michael Cooter; Machesney Park, IL; Collin Laursen, Nelson; Branden Allen, Yorkville, IL; Kyle Palma, Delavan; Hope Bidlack, Genoa City; Kyle Jusits, Kenosha.

Heat: Palma; Allen; Cooter.

Time Trials: Cooter.

BASIC INT'L CARS

A-Main: Steve Doherty, Woodstock, IL; Roger Schultz, Machesney Park, IL; Jack Rabey, Lake Villa, IL; Andy Portzen, Burlington; Tom Homan, Antioch, IL; David Rex, Jr., Burlington; Rob Schiebel, Ingleside, IL; Kevin Hill, McHenry, IL; Robert Palka, Pell Lake; Tim Redden, Woodstock, IL.

B-Main: Bill Urban, Twin Lakes; Rex; Josh Heide, McHenry, IL.

Heat 1: Urban; Kevin Lynn, Genoa City; John Gariepy, Crystal Lake, IL.

Heat 2: Palka; Hill; Leo Bujak, Spring Grove, IL.

Heat 3: Homan; Ashleigh Kitterman, Burlington; Matt Booker, Wonder Lake, IL.

Time Trials: Doherty.

Trophy Dash: Lenny Adams, Crystal Lake, IL; Jason Conrad, Burlington; Doherty.

INEX LEGENDS

A-Main: Ernie Schaal, Wauconda, IL; Eric Lokemoen, Merrill; Michael Bilderback, South Beloit, IL; Curt Gnatzig, Hartford; Don Schaal, Wauconda, IL; Tom Palma, Delavan; Ryan Miles, Crystal Lake, IL; Joe Scala, Fox

River Grove, IL; Chris Helgerson, Burlington. Heat: Palma; Miles; D. Schaal.

Time Trials: Lokemoen.

Trophy Dash: E. Schaal; Bilderback; Gnatzig.

LATE MODELS

A-Main: Josh Wallace, Pell Lake; Sonny Schaffen, Crystal Lake, IL; Keith Tolf, Union Grove; Brian Ulrich, Racine; Ralph Gentile, Racine; Paul Dygon, Wind Lake; Jeff Steenbergen, Waupun; Andy Everts, Menomonee Falls; Carrie Dygon, Racine; Paul Edmundson, Whitewater.

Heat: Gentile; Joe Rusciano, Crystal Lake, IL; Tolf.

Time Trials: Ulrich.

Trophy Dash: Wallace; Ulrich; P. Dygon.

MINI-MODIFIEDS

A-Main: Curt Thomazin, Elkhorn; Mike Van Houten, Cary, IL; Chris Thomazin, Elkhorn; Jerry Giuliano, Park Ridge, IL; Bill Trusky, Silver Lake; Scott McCarthy, Antioch, IL; Barry Trusky, Waukegan, IL; Glen Vernezze, Salem; John DeMay, Lake Villa, IL.

Heat: Vernezze; Van Houten; Trusky.

Time Trials: Vernezze.

WEAPONS

A-Main: Andy Krueger, Lake Geneva; David Donahue, Milwaukee; Reid Kahrs, Jr., West Allis; Roger Van Bergen; Mark Tomasi, West Allis.

Heat: Kahrs; Donahue; Tomasi.

Time Trials: Krueger.



Saturday's LGR Mid-American feature saw a good fight between Jeremy Spoonmore (22) and Jeremy Miller (5). Spoonmore prevailed for the win. (Mark Melchiori photo)

Burkoth Wins First of Season at 'Geneva

LAKE GENEVA, WI, June 18 -- On Saturday night Lake Geneva Raceway, Kent Burkoth of Pell Lake won his first super late model feature of the season.

Shane Bishop moved in front as the feature began before the first caution flag was thrown on lap 3, when Rick Corso and Dave Thomas tangled. One lap later Chuck Duncan spun, and Bishop then led the race until lap 9, when Burkoth gained it. On lap 15 Eddie May and Jamie Wallace made contact, and after the restart Burkoth couldn't shake Vincent, but on lap 35 Merry spun and the race stopped for the final time. In the five-lap dash to the finish Burkoth held back Corso for the win. Bishop was third, with Jeff Holmgren, Jr., and Jason Hicks next.

Second-generation driver Tom Roney of Ridgefield, IL, won the first feature of his career in the non-stop super stock event. Earlier in the day Roney was putting some time on his new engine and blew the motor, but his team quickly went back to Ridgefield, put in the old engine, got back in time to qualify and won their heat and led every lap for the win.

Roney started on the pole and took the lead over a close battle behind him. With seven laps to go Adam Regnier moved into second after a hard battle, but he couldn't move in on the eventual winner. Josh Wallace took third, while Joe DeCubellis held back off Dan Clemenz in his best performance to date.

Todd Ross of Grayslake, IL, took a clean sweep in Midwest sport truck action.

Lee Gibbs of Lake Geneva and Dean Sadowski of Kansasville were both honored by the raceway prior to action. Gibbs was a former Lions Club racer and current sportsman competitor who died last Saturday in a traffic accident, while Sadowski, who raced here on a few occasions but was a loyal fan, passed away last Monday after a long bout with cancer.

This Saturday night's show includes the midseason championship races, with no increase in admission prices. Time trials begin at 5:45 pm, and the first race is



Eventual winner Kent Burkoth (93) held off a strong challenge from Vincent Merry (55) on his way to victory in Saturday's super late model feature at Lake Geneva.



Tom Roney (10) passes Joe DeCubellis for the lead, and eventual victory, of the super stock feature.



Jamie Starks (14) leads Tom Jastrab (65) on his way to victory in super stock heat race action at LGR.

at 7 pm.

RESULTS

SUPER LATE MODELS

A-Main: Kent Burkoth, Pell Lake; Rick Corso, McHenry, IL; Shane Bishop, Lake Geneva; Jeff Holmgren, Jr., East Troy; Jason Hicks, Delavan; Jamie Wallace, Pell Lake; Brandon Hill, Lake Geneva; Eddie May, Crystal Lake, IL; Mike Meyerhofer, Burlington; Ron Stoehr, Dousman.

Heat 1: Chuck Duncan, Milwaukee; Michael Kruschke, Muskego; Rob Summers, Lake Geneva.

Heat 2: Bishop, Mike Simon, Jr., Ingleside, IL; Meyerhofer.

Time Trials: Terry Patnode, South Milwaukee.

Trophy Dash: Wallace; May; Burkoth.

SUPER STOCKS

A-Main: Tom Roney, Ridgefield, IL; Adam Regnier, Twin Lakes; Josh Wallace, Pell Lake; Joe DeCubellis, Burlington; Dan Clemenz, Waukegan, IL; Mike Gunderson, Wind Lake; Ken Eisbrenner, Racine; Dave Edwards, Salem; John Maki, Jr., Antioch, IL; Darryl Traber, Waterford.

Heat 1: Jamie Starks, Waukesha; Tom Jastrab, Genoa City; Chris Sackman, Union Grove.

Heat 2: Roney; DeCubellis, Wallace.

Time Trials: Scott Norton, Wonder Lake, IL.

Trophy Dash: Gunderson; Maki; Norton.

RESULTS

MID-AMERICAN STOCK CAR SERIES

Feature: 1-10: Jeremy Spoonmore, Somonauk, IL; Jeremy Miller, Rockton, IL; Jaime Dorsey, Rockford, IL; Lyle Nowak, Wausau; Jason Taghikhani, Franklin; Gary Norton, Hebron, IL; Scott Null, Lake Mills; John Janssen, Burlington; Denny Norton, Jr., McHenry, IL; Ken Smart, Oconomowoc.

11-20: Kenny Joosten, Wonder Lake, IL; Danny Powell, Polo, IL; Bill Prietz, Franklin; James Swan, Genoa City; John Fischer, Burlington; Dave Obermeyer, Allenton; Andrew Ruthenbeck, Virginia, MN; Billy Tuckwell, Peoria, IL; Mike Smart, Oconomowoc; Elliot Marquardt, Merrill.

21-25: Adam Mass, Woodstock, IL; Rob Braun, Wales; John Senerchia, Orland Park, IL; Bobby Gutknecht, Oak Creek; Tim Schmitt, Muskego.

Reynolds Tops Rockford Late Models Again

by Kevin Ramsell

LOVES PARK, IL, June 18 -- On Saturday night at the Rockford Speedway, Jon Reynolds, Jr., B.J. Sparkman and Dan Carlson captured the feature wins.

Reynolds won the 30-lap feature for the late model division. Bill Hobson grabbed the early lead while Bobby Wilberg started on the outside on row 2 and looked for a way by Hobson for five laps. On lap 10 the two leaders made contact and Wilberg got loose and Hobson went to the inside, and they touched again and both spun to bring out the only caution of the event.

This gave the lead over to Brett McCoy, but on the restart Mike Beyer jumped the start and took over the top spot. Officials penalized Beyer two spots, and this handed the lead over to Reynolds, who started 11th, at the halfway mark. Reynolds went on from there to his fourth checkered flag of the season, with points leader Ricky Bilderback second, Beyer recovering for third, and Jerry Gille and Matt Berger rounding out the top five.

Sparkman made his fifth visit to victory lane in the American Short Tracker division. Tim Steger grabbed the early lead in the 25-lap feature, but on lap 4 B.J. got inside on Steger to take over the top spot. On lap 5 George Sparkman got together with Jack Atchison, causing Atchison to spin and caused a traffic jam. B.J. led again at the restart and was closely challenged by Jason Evans, but not close enough as Sparkman led the field to the checkered flag. Aaron Rude, Nick Cina, Jr., and Dave Wagner rounded out the top five.

Carlson took home the top honors in the RoadRunner division. Steven Clark jumped out to the early lead until Tom Flippo, Jr., got inside on Clark to take over the top spot on lap 5. Gene Marocco also got past Clark to take over second, and a lap later Marocco got inside on Flippo for the lead. Carlson, who started ninth, moved up to fourth by lap 9 and continued towards the front until he was in second place by lap 12.

With five laps to go the caution flew for spins, and on the restart Carlson got inside on Marocco and took over the lead with three laps to go on his way to his fifth feature win of the season. Marocco held on to second, and Gilbert Brewer, Chad Smith and Dan Sander rounded out the top



Bobby Wilberg (left) and Bill Hobson (right) spin as they battle for the lead in the NASCAR late model feature Saturday night at Rockford Speedway.



Nick Cina, Jr. (10) and Dave Wagner (55) battle in Saturday's American Short Tracker feature at Rockford.



Dan Carlson (66) gets inside on Gene Marocco (98) to take over the lead in the RoadRunner feature.

(Marty Langenberg photos)

Park.

Heat 2: Randy Samples, Rockton; B.J. Sparkman; Wagner.

NASCAR LATE MODELS

A-Main: Jon Reynolds, Jr., Roscoe; Ricky Bilderback, Rockton; Mike Beyer, Machesney Park; Jerry Gille, Roscoe; Matt Berger, Loves Park; Brett McCoy, Belvidere; Chad Misslich, Rockford; Mike Lloyd, Machesney Park; Bob Wilberg, Orfordville, WI; Bill Hobson, Roscoe.

Heat 1: McCoy; Hobson; Beyer.

Heat 2: Gille; Bob Kahler, Belvidere; Wilberg.

NASCAR ROADRUNNERS

A-Main: Dan Carlson, Rockford; Gene Marocco, Machesney Park; Gilbert Brewer, Belvidere; Chad Smith, Poplar Grove; Dan Sander, Rockton; Tom Flippo, Jr., Byron; Dennis Smith, Jr., Beloit, WI; David Lignell, Rockford; Greg Pruitt, Rockford; Pat Smith, Loves Park.

Heat 1: D. Smith; Steven Clark, Rockford; Bradley Bark, Machesney Park.

Heat 2: Pruitt; Jerry Mesch, Rockford; Flippo.

Heat 3: Sander; Marocco; Ricky Nielsen, Rockford.

Challenge: P. Smith; Mesch; Robert Bielefeldt, Machesney Park.

RESULTS

NASCAR AMERICAN SHORT TRACKERS

A-Main: B.J. Sparkman, Machesney Park; Jason Evans, Loves Park; Aaron Rude, Cambridge, WI; Nick Cina, Jr., Loves Park; Dave Wagner, Roscoe; George Sparkman, Loves Park; Tim Steger, Rockford; Donald Russell, Loves Park; Steve Cavin, South Beloit; Brian Harder, Davis.

Heat 1: Jack Atchison, Stillman Valley; Steger; David Eggert, Loves

Goede Conquers Elko Challengers

ELKO, MN, June 18 -- Jacob Goede overcame two late cautions to pick up the win in the 50-lap feature for super late models Saturday night at Elko Speedway.

Goede started outside row 2 and grabbed the lead from Benny Van Cleve on the seventh circuit. Dean Cornelius got by Van Cleve on lap 32, but by that time Goede had checked out and was working his way through lapped traffic. A spin on lap 41 put Cornelius on Goede's back bumper, and another yellow on lap 45 gave Cornelius one more chance, and he tapped Goede a couple of times before the checkers, but Goede was up to the challenge.

Mike Skaja made a triumphant return to Elko in capturing the Sportsmen 30-lapper. Skaja had his work cut out for him from the ninth starting spot but moved through the field into second behind Doug Brown before the race's only yellow flew on lap 23. Brown then held the lead for three more laps until Skaja made the move on the low side for the lead and eventual win.

Matt Carlander made it two in a row with the win in the Thunder car 25-lap feature. The defending division champion showed patience in working his way to the front after starting seventh, before he got by David Sellner, Jr., for the lead on lap 16.

Chad Tuma drove to the win in the 20-lap main event for the power stocks. Adam Wiebusch grabbed the early lead but gave way to Tuma by the halfway point of the yellow-free feature. Jeff Partington slipped by Chase Weber for second with four laps left, but Tuma was up for the challenge.

RESULTS

SUPER LATE MODELS

Feature: Jacob Goede, New Germany; Dean Cornelius, Chaska; Benny Van Cleve, Prior Lake; Donny Reuvers, Dundas; Conrad Jorgenson, Lakeville; Jake Ryan, Farmington; Jason Schneider, Lakeville; Steve Anderson, Lakeville; Jamie Farrell, New Prague; Steve Murgic, Rosemount.

SPORTSMEN

Feature: Mike Skaja, New Prague; Doug Brown, Savage; Greg Bieber, Lakeville; Ricky Martin, Farmington; Paul Neisius, Hastings; Steve Schultz, New Market; Adam Bendick, New Prague; Kevin Lutz, Lakeville; Justin Neisius, Eagan; Clifford Adee, Lakeville.

THUNDER CARS

Feature: Matt Carlander, Faribault; Roger Meyer, Montgomery; Dustin Mann, Dundas; Kristopher Morelan, Nerstrand; David Sellner, Jr., Lakeville; James Weeks, St. Paul; James Lindgren, Apple Valley; Adam Wolfe, Rosemount; Jerry Thomsen, Cottage Grove; Brent Kane, Lonsdale.

POWER STOCKS

Feature: Chad Tuma, Burnsville; Jeff Partington, Farmington; Chase Weber, Apple Valley; Dustin Tuma, Lonsdale; Brock Weber, Apple Valley; Adam Simon, Veseli; Scott King, Lakeville; Adam Wiebusch, Shakopee; Bud Kane, Morristown; Jay Seiler, Lakeville.

Cox, Clausen, Sutherland Rock at Rockford

by Kevin Ramsell

LOVES PARK, IL, June 19

-- The Hoosier Outlaw Sprint Series made its annual visit to the Rockford Speedway, and fans saw great racing action by the winged sprints as well as by modifieds from Hawkeye Downs Speedway in Iowa and Rockford's own Hornet division.

Tim Cox made a daring last-lap pass to take home the 40-lap HOSS sprint feature. Greg Wheeler jumped out to the early lead and held on until lap 22, when Jason Fuller took over. Cox worked his way past defending race winner Hank Lower for second with ten laps to go, then charged towards the front in lapped traffic. As the white flag flew Cox got inside on Fuller, and with lapped traffic in front of Fuller, Cox beat him out of turns 3 and 4 and took the checkered flag for his second feature win in a row in the Series. Wheeler came home third, and Jeff Bloom and Lower rounded out the top five.

Fuller set a new track record with a time of 11.620 seconds (77.45 mph).

Larry Clausen took home a big feature win in the modified division. Clausen started on the pole, grabbed the early lead and led all 30 laps, but he was closely challenged by Plummer. At the checkers Plummer tried to get inside on Clausen coming off of turn 4, but Clausen won by a car-length.

Jarrod Sutherland took home the Hornet "swarm." Sutherland started on the outside on the front row and held off a strong challenge from Chad Kiefer to take home the win. On the last lap Nick Lasher rolled his Hornet over onto its roof, but he walked away.

Saturday night is Kids' Night at the Rockford Speedway, with children ages 11 and under admitted free. Racing will see the Legends, Bandoleros, Legacy and super cup cars joining the weekly program. Heat races start at 6:30 pm. For more information call the track office at (815) 633-1500.

RESULTS

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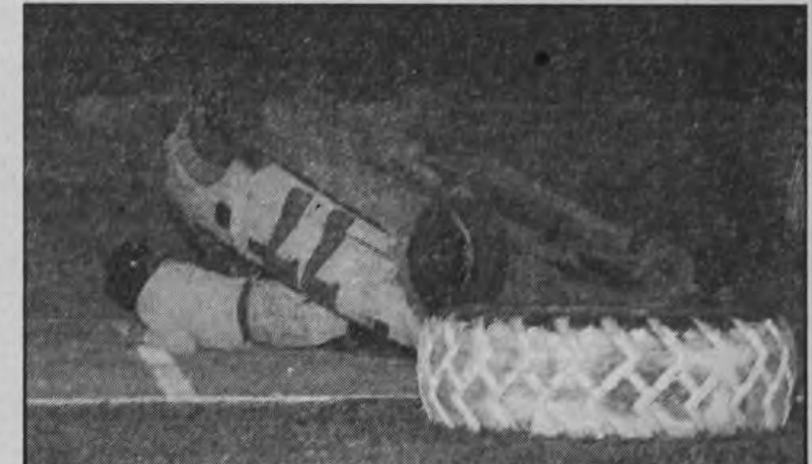
A-Main: Larry Clausen, Cedar Rapids, IA; Tim Plummer, Norway.



Tim Cox (40, right) gets past Jason Fuller (40, left) on the last lap to win the HOSS feature at Rockford Speedway on Sunday.



Shawn Stinger (3) and Scott Grady (17) battle for position in the Hawkeye Downs modified feature.



Josh Lasher escapes from his Hornet after it rolls over on the last lap of the Hornet "swarm." He was not injured.

(Marty Langenberg photos)

IA: Shawn Stinger, Cedar Rapids, IA; Chad Willett, Cedar Rapids, IA; Jim Hanson, Cedar Rapids, IA; Scott Grady, Walker, IA.

Time Trials: Fuller.

HORNETS

A-Main: Jarrod Sutherland, Beloit, WI; Chad Kiefer, Zion; Joe Villarreal, Belvidere; Ben Montemayor, Poplar Grove; Steve Talley, Rockford; Andy Hill, South Beloit; James Robertson, Beloit, WI; Mark Vicencio, Rockford; Chris Hodson, Machesney Park; Randy Reynolds, Rockford.

Heat 1: Jonathan Carsey, Rockford; Simon Montez, Belvidere; Villarreal.

Heat 2: Steve Talley, Rockford; Kiefer, Sutherland.

Heat 3: Nick Lasher, Machesney Park; Craig Foster, Loves Park; Robertson.

Focus Midgets at Tulsa Cancelled

INDIANAPOLIS, IN -- Due to scheduling conflicts, the next USAC Oklahoma Ford Focus Midget Car Series event - July 2 - at the Tulsa (OK) Speedway has been removed from the calendar.

The next USAC Oklahoma Ford Focus Midget Car Series event is scheduled for July 16 at Tulsa Speedway.

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Mueller Tops Slinger Late Models

SLINGER, WI, June 19 -- John Mueller turned back a late-race challenge by defending track champion Brad Mueller and raced to the win in the 75-lap late model feature Sunday night at the Slinger Super Speedway.

"The car was pretty good tonight," Mueller stated after leading 42 laps. "I knew Brad (Mueller) was good all night as well and, yeah, I was nervous with him behind me, but I just did what I had to do."

Travis Dassow jumped to the lead at the start, and after Dave Feiler's car suddenly slowed on lap 16 and stacked up the field, John Mueller ran third with Brad Mueller alongside. Dennis Prunty's car slid wide on lap 22, allowing Brad Mueller to get by, and a Fred Winn spin on lap 23 collected Conrad Morgan, who was then tagged by a sliding Scott Schoeni, and the race was stopped under a red flag as Morgan was transported to a local hospital with an apparent arm injury.

As racing resumed John Mueller drew inside on Rich Loch for second. On lap 29 debris slowed the race for a third time, and on the restart both John and Brad Mueller took to the inside, and John Mueller took the lead on lap 33 while Brad moved into second.

Once out front, John Mueller maintained a steady lead until the caution flag flew for a final time on lap 64, after Dave Teske and Ken Wills tangled. Brad Mueller made a serious inside bid for the lead on the restart, but John Mueller held off the challenge, led the final laps and scored his first win of the season. Austin Konetski made his way around Dennis Prunty to finish third, while Loch came home fifth.

Brad Keith led nearly every lap en route to the 30-lap Midwest Sportsman feature victory. Mike Borchardt led the first lap before Keith shot by on the inside. Dave Thomas also used the inside to grab second before Nate Fick and Gary Tisler tangled on lap 8, slowing the race. The caution quickly reappeared a lap later when Collin Bamke and Jan Kantner collided and spun, but Keith maintained his lead. The caution appeared again on lap 15 when fluid on the track scattered the leaders, but Keith eased away as racing resumed. On lap 22 Keith worked lapped traffic to further extend his lead, but his advantage was erased on lap 24 after Bamke and Gary Tisler made contact and Tisler spun. Keith was unchallenged during the final six laps, while James Swan took second from Thomas. Pat McIntee finished fourth, while Jay Schambeau completed the top five.

Russ Grade took advantage of a late-race bobble by Joe Houp and drove to his first feature victory of the season in the 25-lap Midwest modified main event. Houp outgunned Roger Schmid to claim the initial lead, and Ron Schmitt spun on lap 8 while running fourth but the race remained under green. The top five ran nose to tail as they encountered lapped cars, but the handling on Houp's car faded in the waning laps, opening up the inside for Grade with two laps to go. Schmitt and Jason Feyereisen also got by as the white flag was displayed, and Grade held his line to the win over Schmitt and Feyereisen. Houp settled for fourth, just ahead of Steve Schulz.

Bob Gigstead held off Joe DeStefano, Sr., to win the Thunderstock feature, and Slinger Bees races were won by Bob



John Mueller (23) battles for position with Dennis Prunty (42) on his way to his first late model feature of the year at Slinger Speedway.

(Ron Erstad photo)



Joe Houp (98) slips while leading the Midwest Modified feature giving the lead and the win to Russ Grade (13) Sunday night at Slinger Speedway.

(Ron Erstad photo)



Dave Thomas (19) and James Swan (97) engage in a race for second in Sunday's Sportsman feature at Slinger.

(Al Graf photo)

Losiniecki and Jacob Vanoskey. Sam Fischer was the winner of the spectator eliminator race, and Scott Goetzke scored the victory in the figure-8 race.

Sunday night's program at Slinger will feature a 70-lap late model race and the regular weekly program, plus classic street rods will take some laps during intermission. Gates open at 4:45 pm, qualifying is at 5:15 and racing is at 7 pm. For more information, contact the Speedway's public relations department at (262) 370-0440 or the track office at (262) 644-5921.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS

Feature: John Mueller, Hubertus; Brad Mueller, Random Lake; Austin Konetski, Janesville; Dennis Prunty, Lomira; Rich Loch, Muskego; Andrew Morrissey, DeForest; Travis Dassow, West Bend; Scott Schoeni, Slinger; Randy Schuler, Mequon; Tom Hromadka, Brookfield.

Semi-Feature: Mike Egan, Slinger; Robert Maynor, Colgate; Mark Bitzan, Menomonee Falls.

Fast Dash: Konetski.

Fast Time: David Prunty, Brownsville, 11.482

MIDWEST MODIFIEDS

Feature: Russ Grade, Hartland; Ron Schmitt, Jackson; Jason Feyereisen, Random Lake; Joe Houp, Mequon; Steven Schulz, Waukesha.

Fast Dash: Schmitt.

Fast Time: Feyereisen, 12.302 secs.

MIDWEST SPORTSMAN

Feature: Brad Keith, West Bend; James Swan, Lake Geneva; Dave Thomas, Franklin; Pat McIntee, West Bend; Jay Schambeau, Hubertus.

Fast Dash: Thomas.

Fast Time: Gary LaMonte, West Allis, 12.651 secs.

THUNDERSTOCKS

Feature: Bob Gigstead, Kewaskum; Joe DeStefano, Sr., Colgate; Les Weidenhoeff, Jackson; Jim Bentzler, Hartford; Aaron Cain, West Bend.

SLINGER BEES

Heat 1: Bob Losiniecki, Richfield; Jamie Vetter, Oak Creek; Justin Poenitsch, Kewaskum.

Heat 2: Jacob Vanoskey, Miles Dornbrook, Hartford; Josh Benner, Hartford.

OTHER EVENTS

Spectator Elimination: Sam Fischer

Figure-8: Scott Goetzke, Iron Ridge.

Points Leader Eldridge Shines at Rockford



Travis Eldridge (30) goes inside on Darrell Garmen (6) to take over the lead and eventually win the Grand National feature Wednesday at Rockford Speedway.

(Marty Langenberg photo)

worked from the third starting position and challenged the young driver for the lead on lap 8, working inside on Nichol to take the top spot. Nichol held on to second but was challenged closely by Dan Sander all the way to the checkered flag, while Marocco took his third feature win of the year. Dennis Smith, Jr., and Dan Carlson rounded out the top five.

Following a post-race inspection, the top two finishing cars were dis-

qualified, and the official top five became Sander, Smith, Carlson, Wanda Dobbs and Dave Lignell.

Sherry Dillavou captured the first Winged Women on Wheels feature. With four laps to go Shonna Frisch got inside on Dillavou to challenge, but Dillavou held her off. With two laps to go Dillavou got loose but still held on for the win.

In the second WWWW feature, Linnea Weerda held the early lead

until, with six laps to go, current points leader Vachenzia Jester took over. Jester went on to the win, and with her fourth-place finish in the first feature she captured the overall win for the second week in a row.

Chris Gantz took home his second feature win in a row in the figure-8 division. Jerry Mesch grabbed the early lead, but Gantz took over the top spot on lap 2. Jack Mayberry came home second.

On Sunday June 19, Rockford Speedway will hold its Father's Day special starting at 3 pm, featuring activities for dads and the whole family and a chance for one lucky dada to win a new riding lawn mower. Then at 6:06 the HOSS outlaw sprints will take to the Speedway, along with the Hawkeye Downs modifieds and Hornets. To order advance tickets or for more information, please call the track office at (815) 633-1500.

RESULTS

NASCAR GRAND NATIONALS

A-Main: Travis Eldridge, South Beloit; Fred Nason, Roscoe; Brock Behnke, Poplar Grove; Doug Bennett, Brodhead, WI; Darrell Garman, Machesney Park; Dave Behnke,



Robbie Pribnow (20) and Chad Tessman (71) battle for position in MSA 360 sprint heat race action Saturday at Plymouth Dirt Track.

Kristan, Scheffler, Sohrweide Come Away with PDT Feature Wins

PLYMOUTH, WI, June 18 -- Racing at the Plymouth Dirt Track got back underway this past Saturday for the first time in three weeks due and saw its highest car count yet, with 107 cars ready to rumble in their respective divisions.

In the Grand Nationals A-main, Brian Kaat was spun by Brian Genske, and Scott Sohrweide went to the point and picked up his second win of the season.

Brian Portschy and Troy Wondra both flipped in separate incidents, but came away unhurt, and Brian Kristan took the high groove and drove away to his first 360 sprint A-main win of the season.

Russ Scheffler won the late model feature for the second time this season. He was followed by Scott Specht and Mark Zimmermann.

Dave Dorzok won the first Outlaw compacts heat race in Corey Edler's car, while Aaron Hauck picked up the second heat win.

RESULTS

GRAND NATIONALS

A-Main: Scott Sohrweide, Chilton; Andy Fuhrmann, Brillion; Brad Lubach, Elkhart Lake; Brett Wenzel, Two Rivers; Tony Miller, Random Lake; Matt Yancey, Sheboygan Falls; Doug Teunissen, Sheboygan Falls; Jeremy Sauter, Random Lake; Scott Haupt, Beloit; Belgium; Jamie Gauger, Sheboygan.

MSA SPRINTS

A-Main: Brian Kristan, Beach Park, IL; Danny Schlafer, Sussex; T.J. Luedke, Plymouth; Lance Fassbender, Burnett; Kenjay Fiedler, Sheboygan; Todd King, Chris Wiser, Neosho; Scott Sippel, Elkhart Lake; Michael Emme, Manitowoc; Scott Semmelmann, Brookfield.

LATE MODELS

A-Main: Russ Scheffler, Waukesha; Scott Specht, Sheboygan Falls; Mark Zimmermann, Kohler; Don Sorce, Franklin; Al Atkinson, Milwaukee; Tim Lemirande, Jim Zdrok; Luke Roffers, Seymour; Ron Stroka, Mukwanago; R.W. Aschebrenner.



Bruce Wright (99w) and Donny Kulow (95) keep it close in Grand National action at Plymouth.

(Rob Eisentraut photos)

Champ Car Cleveland GP to Honor USGP Tickets

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, June 19 -- Champ Car World Series officials and Cleveland race organizers have announced that tickets from the June 19 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix will be honored at the Grand Prix of Cleveland on June 26 at Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland.

Details are available at <http://www.grandprixofcleveland.com> and <http://www.champcar.ws>.

Poplar Grove; Matt Lundberg, Rockford; Dan Fox, Rockford; Brandon Eash, Rockford; Chad Leahy, South Beloit.

Heat 1: Eash, Garman; Lundberg.

Heat 2: Behnke, Eldridge; Leahy.

NATIONAL FIGURE-8 LEAGUE

A-Main: Chris Gantz, Rockford; Jack Mayberry, Rockford; Jerry Mesch, Rockford; Pat Smith, Loves Park.

NASCAR ROADRUNNERS

A-Main: Dan Sander, Rockton; Dennis Smith, Jr., Beloit, WI; Dan Carlson, Rockford; Wanda Dobbs, Rockton; David Lignell, Rockford; Steve Hillary, Machesney Park; Pat Smith, Loves Park; Ricky Weimerskirch, Rockford; Randy VonHaden, Rockford; Tom Flippo, Jr., Byron.

Heat 1: Flippo; Jeff Strong, Rockford; Smith.

Heat 2: Sander; Lignell; Carlson.

Dash: Hillary; Smith; Dobbs.

Challenge: Larry Dickinson II, Rockford; Smith; Jerry Mesch, Rockford.

WINGED WOMEN ON WHEELS

Overall: Vachenzia Jester, Beloit, WI; Amy Flippo, Rockford; Shonna Frisch, Beloit, WI; Sherri Dillavou, Rockford; Alicia Magee, Machesney Park; Latasha Hillary, Machesney Park; Jennifer Erickson, Rockford; Candace Schultz, Roscoe; Linnea Weerda, Rockford.

Feature 1: Dillavou; Frisch, Flippo.

Feature 2: Jester; Flippo; Frisch.



Talon Laabs made a pass for the lead on lap 10 to get his first Kiddie Kart win of the season at GSR Kartway in Clintonville on Wednesday night. (Mary Lewis photo)

Swedberg Wins Two at GSR; Laabs, Klafka Pick Up First Win of '05

by Scott Owen

CLINTONVILLE, WI, June 15 -- Eighty-six racers were on hand to race at the GSR Kartway Wednesday night, and Brett Swedberg picked up two feature wins on the night.

Andrew Hock started on the pole of the stock medium feature and held the lead until lap 4, when Swedberg took over and led the rest of the race for the win. Marcus Yarie made a pass of Hock to finish second.

Swedberg also dominated the stock heavy feature, leading from start to finish to get his second feature win of the night. Swedberg also won both heat races. Cody Wunderlich finished the feature in second, while Justin Heiting started seventh and finished third.

A season-high seven kiddie karts were on hand, and Brayden Litton grabbed the early feature lead. On lap 7 Kelen Charles got by Litton, followed by Talon Laabs, and Charles led until lap 10, when Laabs made a pass for the lead. Laabs held on for the final two laps to get his first win of the season, ahead of Charles and Litton.

Mike Moeller started on the pole of the box stock race and never looked back for the win, followed at the line by Parker May and Tristan Peebles.

Eric Klafka made his first trip to GSR this season a good one with a heat and feature win. Klafka led the entire feature to finish in front of Chantel Wunderlich and third-generation driver Brandon Reichenberger.

Darren Jackson showed the way for the first four laps of the junior one feature before Alex Stumpf got by. Stumpf then led the rest of race to continue his domination in this class. Jackson finished second, and Austin Brier was third.

Matthew Kretschmann won both of his heat races and also the feature in the junior two class. Kretschmann started on the pole and pulled away at the start, while Cheyenne Cameron closed on Kretschmann but could not complete a pass for the lead and settled for second. Josh Long finished third.

Johnny Whitman's new number on his kart helped him pick up the junior animal win. Aaron Milavitz started on the pole and led lap 1, but Whitman passed Milavitz on lap 2 and led for the rest of the event. Milavitz finished second, and Justin Kraeger was third.

Justin Anthony grabbed the early lead of the WKA animal feature with brother Brad in tow. But on lap 5 Kyle Lentz snuck by Justin to take over the lead and led the rest of the way. Justin Anthony took second in front of Brad.

Steve Arndt led the first lap of the lawnmower feature before Shannon Peters took over and led the rest of the event to win. Ty Rindt got around Arndt to finish in second.

RESULTS

KIDDIE KARTS Feature: Talon Laabs, Stensenville; Kelen Charles, Green Bay; Brayden Litton, Omro; Skyler Woods, Beaver Dam; Cole Kuske, Seymour.

BOX STOCK

Feature: Mike Moeller, Hortonville; Parker May, DePere; Tristan Peebles, New London; Nic Page, Plover; Casey Sommers, Greenville.

CONTROLLED STOCK

Feature: Eric Klafka, Wisconsin Rapids; Chantel Wunderlich, Hortonville; Brandon Reichenberger, Appleton; Nick Moeller, Hortonville; Kyle Hahn, Merrill.

JUNIOR ONE

Feature: Alex Stumpf, Menasha; Darren Jackson, Wisconsin Rapids; Austin Brier, Three Lakes; Reagan May, DePere; Jesse Colwell, Sherwood.

STOCK MEDIUM

Feature: Brett Swedberg, Shawano; Marcus Yarie, Wausau; Andrew Hock, Seymour; Joe Reuter, Shawano; Jordan Reinke, Shawano.

JUNIOR TWO

Feature: Matthew Kretschmann, Shawano; Cheyenne Cameron, Birnamwood; Josh Long, Green Bay; Kirk Quaintance, New London; Dakota Quaintance, New London.

JUNIOR ANIMAL

Feature: Johnny Whitman, DePere; Aaron Milavitz, Shawano; Justin Kraeger, Caroline; Ben Stumpf, Menasha; Quintin Mory-Pagel, Seymour.

STOCK HEAVY

Feature: Brett Swedberg, Shawano; Cody Wunderlich, Hortonville; Justin Heiting, Appleton; Josh Bierter, Shawano; Brian Page, Plover.

WKA ANIMAL

Feature: Kyle Lentz, Green Bay; Justin Anthony, Appleton; Brad Anthony, Appleton; Blaire Laughlin, New London; Nathan Morris, Shawano.

LAWNMOWER

Feature: Shannon Peters, Bear Creek; Ty Rindt, Bear Creek; Steve Arndt, Clintonville; Brian Peters, Clintonville; Matt Solin, Antigo.

Menard Ends Burgess' Run at LaCrosse with Win

by David Morgan

WEST SALEM, WI, June 18 -- 2004 LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway champion Charlie Menard passed Steve Holzhausen on lap 11, then ducked inside on Andy Burgess four laps later to earn his second late model feature win of the season Saturday night.

Burgess moved into the lead of the 25-lapper on lap 10 with an outside pass of the veteran Holzhausen, after three cautions forced complete restarts early. The third incident was the worst, as Tom McClintock and Chris Skrede touched twice, the second time sending Skrede around and hard into the backstretch wall. In all, 11 cars were involved.

Brent Kirchner took the top spot when the race finally went green, but Holzhausen moved by on the inside on lap 3. Holzhausen led for seven laps, including through a caution for a Jeff Baker spin, before Burgess took the lead. Burgess finished second, while points leader Kevin Nuttman made a charge through the field for third. Holzhausen was fourth, followed by Mike Bell.

The last thing Branden Berg wanted in the Sportsman feature was a yellow, as he stayed at the front of a packed field until lap 6, when Mike Albrecht, Jr., spun and the field split to avoid him. Jes Tenner chose the outside line on the restart, gunned by Berg and pulled out to as many as seven car-lengths at one point on his way to the win. Larry Bolster, Jr., claimed second, followed by Dan Gilster, Jimmy Gilster and Dan Linnehan, while Berg faded to sixth.

Kris Budhalpt did everything he could to take the Thunderstox feature, leading the first seven laps and then being part of a three-way pass to retake the lead, but on the final lap Charlie Vian worked by Budhalpt on the outside and edged him by a bumper for the win. Brad Warthan, who led laps 8 and 9, was third, followed by Chad Oehler and Rusty Winchell.

Qualifying for the late models and sportsman was not held because of Fan Photo Night.

On Saturday, the Speedway will present all three divisions plus a rollover challenge. The late models and sportsman



Late model heat action at LaCrosse on Saturday included many side-by-side battles.



Late model drivers Bill Niles (54) and Tom McClintock try to keep up with eventual dash winner Adam Degenhardt (03).

(LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway photos)
begin qualifying at 5:05 pm, and the first Thunderstox race kicks off at 7:15.

RESULTS

NASCAR LATE MODELS

Feature: Charlie Menard, Eau Claire; Andy Burgess, Fall Creek; Kevin Nuttman, Bangor; Steve Holzhausen, Bangor; Mike Bell, LaCrosse; Todd Korish, Holmen; Brent Kirchner, LaCrosse; Troy Goodenough, Mindoro; Adam Degenhardt, Coon Valley; Ken Hutchens, Black River Falls.

Heat: Menard; Jim Hagel, Holmen; Kraig Burrows, West Salem.

Odd Dash: Jeff Baker, Holmen; Todd Oliver, Bangor; Tony Bagstad, Cashton.

Even Dash: Degenhardt; Mark Lamoreaux, Bloomington, MN; Tom McClintock, LaCrosse.

SPORTSMAN

Feature: Jes Tenner, Melrose; Larry Bolster, Jr., Sparta; Dan Gilster, West Salem; Jimmy Gilster, West Salem; Dan Linnehan, Sparta; Branden Berg, Melrose; John Olson, Sparta; Lucas Korish, LaCrosse; Tony Leis, Middle Ridge; Aaron Hass, LaCrosse.

B-Feature: Jason Dummer, Holmen; Matt Inglett, LaCrosse; Bill Miller, Sparta.

Heat 1: Jeff Winterfield, Westby; Nick

Clemens, Onalaska; Emily Sue Steck, Holmen.

Heat 2: Randy Hass, LaCrosse; Ken Lewis, Black River Falls; Miller.

Odd Dash: Berg; Hass; Tenner.

Even Dash: Olson; Linnehan; Trent Boettcher, LaCrescent, MN.

THUNDERSTOX

Feature: Charlie Vian, Sparta; Kris Budhalpt, West Salem; Brad Warthan, Sparta; Chad Oehler, Sparta; Rusty Winchell, Sparta; Jamie Dummer, Holmen; Jason Bolster, Sparta; Jerry Aylsworth, LaCrosse; Andy Moore, Sparta; Craig Chandler, Black River Falls.

B-Feature: Adam Moore, Sparta; Wayne Smith, LaCrosse; Greg Lindvig, Holmen.

C-Feature: Andy Barney, West Salem; Jeff Stumlin, Mindoro; Corey Barney, Sparta.

Dash: Steve Cleveland, Sparta; C. Vian; Jason Chandler, Black River Falls.

Heat 1: Al Bartels, Tomah; Cleveland; Dummer.

Heat 2: C. Vian; Chandler; Bolster.

Heat 3: Warthan; Kyle Voss, La Crescent, MN; Budhalpt.

Heat 4: Henry Vian, Sparta; Josh Inglett, LaCrosse; Chris Vinson, Holmen.

Heat 5: Oehler; Aylsworth; Andy Moore.

Sontag Wins First LM Main at Grundy County

by Andy Grod

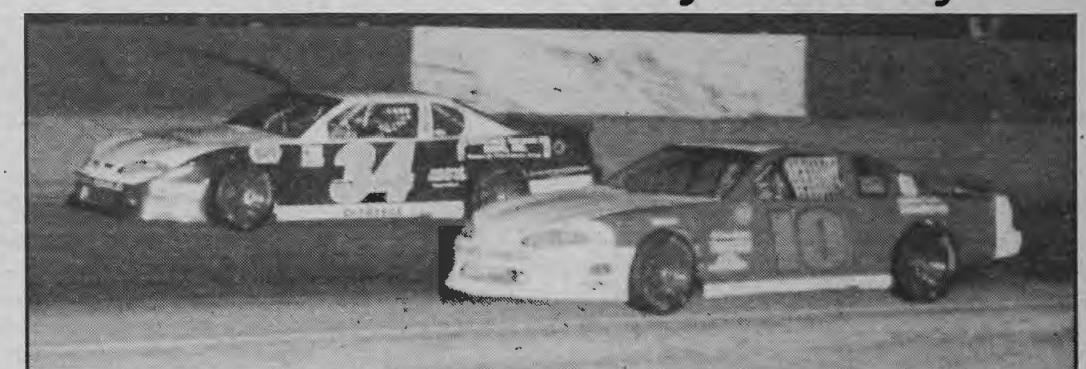
MORRIS, IL, June 17 -- Two-time track champion Brett Sontag of Joliet held off Eddie Hoffman, Jr., to win his first late model feature of the season Friday night at the Grundy County Speedway.

The third-starting Sontag jumped into the lead on the first go-around and held the point for the entire 30 laps. Gary Raven ran a strong second for 25 laps, running three car-lengths behind Sontag, until Hoffman took over the runner-up spot with five laps remaining. Hoffman challenged Sontag until a caution slowed the action after Tom Knippenberg and Mike Heiss tangled, sending Heiss into the turn 2 wall. With two laps remaining Sontag pulled out to two car-lengths at the drop of the green and held that advantage over Hoffman to the checkered.

Duane Pierson and Pat Kelly fought for fourth for most of the event, until Kelly moved past Pierson and Raven late to finish third. Raven held on for fourth, with Pierson fifth.

Last year's Mid-American rookie of the year, Dave DeFreece of Yorkville, got his car's handling straightened out and captured the 25-lap Mid-Am feature. "We worked on the chassis and changed the set-up on the car, and it felt that we were on a rail," said DeFreece after the event. "It's the same motor in the car from last year, but the handling made the difference tonight."

Nick O'Dell took second from early race leader Jay Mikel on lap 9, then ran with DeFreece for the remaining 16 circuits. He almost lost the car as he got sideways once, but he got it back under control to prevent Jeremy Bloomberg from taking his runner-up spot. Bloomberg finished third, followed by



Dave DeFreece (34) makes a pass of Jay Mikel for the lead in the 25-lap Mid-American feature Friday night at the Grundy County Speedway.

(Andy Grod photo)

Josh Nelms and Jimmy Becker.

In the 20-lap street stock feature, Chris Sanda of LaGrange Park started on the pole and led every lap for his first win of the season. Karl Kwaz pressured Sanda until Justin Claypool got around Kwaz at the halfway point, but Sanda took the checkered four car-lengths ahead of Claypool. Points leader Rick Dawson moved past Kwaz late in the event to take third, and Bob Davis completed the top five.

In the 12-lap mini-stock feature, Chett Hartley of Joliet became a first-time winner, holding off first Jason Kolbe, then Tim Cronin for the win.

Racing continues every Friday night at the Grundy County Speedway, located just north of I-80 on Route 47 at the Fairgrounds in Morris.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS

Feature: Brett Sontag, Joliet; Eddie Hoffman, Jr., Wheaton; Pat Kelly, Morris; Gary Raven, Hometown; Duane Pierson, Lockport; Scott Koerner, Joliet; Tom Smith, Posen; Rob Werkmeister, Plainfield; Billy Knippenberg, Jr., Plainfield; Scott Dunning, Bolingbrook.

Heat 1: Dan Odell, Morris; Doug Kimber, Batavia.

Heat 2: Sontag; Tom Knippenberg, Channahon.

Heat 3: Smith; Pierson.

Fast Time: Kelly, 15.425 secs.

MID-AMERICAN

Feature: Dave DeFreece, Yorkville; Nick O'Dell, New Lenox; Jeremy Bloomberg, Hampshire; Josh Nelms, Bartlett; Jimmy Becker, Burlington; Stacy Kelley, Minooka; Jerry Einhaus, Jr., Seneca; Josh Higgins, Morris; Jay Mikel, Oswego; Ray Mooi, New Lenox.

Heat 1: Jeff Olson, Seneca; Billy Tuckwell, Peoria.

Heat 2: Nelms; Kelley.

Fast Time: John Senerchia, Orland Park, 15.990 secs.

STREET STOCKS

Feature: Chris Sanda, LaGrange Park; Justin Claypool, Morris; Rick Dawson, Lemont; Karl Kwaz, Joliet; Bob Davis, Coal City; Ricky Baker, Plainfield; Brandon Clubb, Coal City; Joe Graziano, Plainfield; Kent Harmann, Braidwood; Randy Weese, Morris.

Semi-Feature: Chad Proctor, Kenosha, WI; Jamie Deurloo, Minooka; Jake Popp, Big Rock.

Heat 1: Jamie Deurloo, Minooka; Jacob MacPherson, Naperville.

Heat 2: Wayne Meirhofer, Joliet; Guy Baumann, Homer Glen.

Heat 3: Kwaz; Graziano.

Fast Time: Dawson, 17.842 secs.

MINI-STOCKS

Feature: Chett Hartley, Joliet; Jason Kolbe, Oak Lawn; Tim Cronin, Steger.

Gary Barnes and Dan Holt.

The street stocks saw Jim Quinn and Jimmy Smith win their heats, and Smith captured his first career feature win after a four-way battle to the checkers, over Chris Tackett and Terry Miller.

The top four modified fast timers - Jeff Leka, Derrick Neville, Denny Schwartz and Mackay Wenger won their respective heats. The feature saw a great battle end with Schwartz pulling out a win over Gary Cook, Leka and Marty Hiser.

Shirley, Erb Top Farmer City LMs

FARMER CITY, IL, June 17 --

Double features for the late model and sportsman classes, due to the rain-out last week, gave fans attending the races at Farmer City Raceway on Friday several treats. In addition to a huge car turnout, including 32 late models, track promoters also put up bonuses for any driver who could win both late model or both sportsman features.

Fast time in late models was set

by Dennis Erb, Jr., while heats went

to Erb over Joe Harlan, Jason Feger over Kyle Logue, Brian Shirley over Roger Long and Richie Hedrick over Chris Dick. The semi-feature went to Matt Taylor over Darren Friedman.

Tire Fiasco Leads to Watered-Down USGP; Schumacher Wins

by Mark W. Thiesen
exclusive to CFRN

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, June 19 -- In a clear case of someone not doing their homework, Michelin brought a right-front tire that could not withstand the forces of the high-speed turn 13 on the road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and the end result was an extremely black eye for Formula One racing when 14 of the starting 20 cars pulled off the track after the formation lap leading to the start of Sunday's sixth United States Grand Prix at the Speedway.

The tire problem surfaced during Friday afternoon's practice, when Ralf Schumacher crashed coming out of the 13th turn. Team test driver Ricardo Zonta also crashed at nearly the same spot, and that coincidence sent team and Michelin engineers to analyze the cause of the crashes.

Studies at the track, the U.S. facilities of Michelin and the world headquarters in France indicated a problem in the tire manufactured for this race. What transpired next was a classic political battle between sanctioning body, promoter and race teams, with discussions, negotiations and plans taking place right up to 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.

Amidst much confusion and speculation among those who knew of the tire problems, qualifications went as planned on Saturday, with Schumacher's teammate Jarno Trulli capturing his first-ever Grand Prix pole. But Michelin officials informed their teams, after final analysis, that the tires they brought to Indianapolis were in question and could not go longer than ten laps under the stress of turn 13.

Proposals ranging from flying in another tire from France, to changing tires every ten laps, to adding a chicane in turn 13 to slow the cars down, were presented and discussed, but FIA race director and safety delegate Charlie Whiting directed the full blame on Michelin, insisting that for the FIA to amend the rules to compensate for the shortcomings was not possible.

IMS president Tony George, F1 chief executive officer Bernie Ecclestone and delegates of all ten F1 teams participating this year met for several hours Sunday morning, with the chicane idea accepted by all the participating teams except Ferrari. But FIA president Max Mosley, from his offices in Paris, strongly rejected the proposal and said that the teams must race within the rules, adding that the last-minute addition of the chicane was not within the framework of the rules.

With all avenues of compromise exhausted, the seven Michelin-shod teams that were to participate in the race decided not to place undo risk upon their drivers, and they agreed to take part in pre-race activities and then pull off the track after the formation lap. This strategy only added to the bewilderment of the crowd, thinking that they would see a complete field and race. The six cars using Bridgestone tires formed up for the start, but the rest of the field was pushed back to their garages, making the crowd very upset.

The lead Bridgestone-shod team, Ferrari, led by defending and seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher and Rubens Barrichello, had qualified fifth and seventh, respectively, and thus were the leaders entering the first turn, as the cars that had qualified before them - Trulli, Kimi Raikkonen, Jenson Button and Giancarlo Fisichella, all on Michelin - had dropped from the race. The Jordan cars of Tiago Monteiro and Narain Karthikeyan and the Minardi cars of Christijan Albers and Patrick Friesacher were the other four to continue in the race, but it was clearly a race between the two Ferraris from the outset, with Schumacher, the winner of three of the six USGPs at Indianapolis, leading Barrichello.

Barrichello made his first pit stop on lap 24, and his crew turned him out in 9.5 seconds.

Huntley, Darland Capture Buckeye Nationals Wins

ROSSBURG, OH, June 18 -- Kevin Huntley took Saturday's checkered flag in the USAC sprint car main event during Eldora Speedway's Buckeye Nationals, and then, just after crossing the finish line, the right-rear tire on his machine went flat. Nonetheless, it was the Bloomington, IN, native's fourth career USAC win at Eldora.

Huntley took advantage of a pole start to take the lead at the drop of the green flag and never looked back. In the battle for second Josh Wise had his hands full with holding the challenges of Dickie Gaines following a lap 9 caution for spins by Daron Clayton and Bud Kaeding. The battle stalled on lap 26 when fourth-place Mat Neely's right-rear went flat, and after that fast qualifier Rob Chaney, who sat third with four laps to go, lost rear-tire air pressure and dropped drastically off the pace. Huntley, with white smoke rolling off his right-rear tire, reached the check-

ered flag ahead of Wise and Gaines.

Completing Saturday's doubleheader was Dave Darland's triumph over the USAC midget field in a caution-plagued main event. Darland shot into the lead, with brothers Todd and Teddy Beach in close pursuit. Bobby East had one of the fastest cars on the half-mile clay oval, and by lap 4 he was up to third behind Darland and Teddy Beach.

The event's first caution came on lap 7 as Bobby Grewohl looped and eight more laps reeled off before Carey Becker spun, collecting Teddy Beach and East, who both suffered flat tires. That put Darren Hagen on Darland's back bumper until lap 23, when top-five runner Jay Drake had a tire go down and spun. Four laps later Hagen spun as well.

Over the last three laps Darland ran comfortably out front, Brad Kuhn and as the white flag was displayed East tagged the backstretch wall to end the race

Schumacher made his initial stop a lap later, but because of intense examination to his left-rear tire the stop took 16.8 seconds, and he was back on the track in second place. Barrichello held his lead until his second stop of the race on lap 49, but this time a faster pit stop turned Schumacher back out ahead of him, and Barrichello spent the final 23 laps of the race trying to reel in his teammate, to no avail.

Amid a chorus of boos and other diatribes, Schumacher exited his race car in victory lane, and the normally joyous occasion was instead very somber. Officials of the city of Indianapolis and of the Speedway, who originally planned to participate in the victory presentations, declined to do so.

Schumacher said later that this, his first win of the year after extremely hard work on the part of his team and Bridgestone to overcome the edge that Michelin teams had enjoyed since the start of the season, was not the way he would have wanted it. "This is not the right way to win my first of the year," he said. "We didn't know what they (Michelin teams) were going to do at the start. We decided to run our own race and strategy. I had an idea of what was going to happen after our meetings this morning, but until it actually happens you do not know."

"It is unfortunate to have not been able to compete for the win, for I feel Bridgestone worked very hard to bring the correct tire for the race, and we would have the same result racing for the win with the others. From our past experiences here we knew what stress the tires would take and that we needed to bring a tire that was safe and fast. We actually had a faster tire but opted for the one we used today because of safety."

"It's a sad day," said Barrichello, who also has an F1 win here. "We feel as though we had done our work and were ready for this race, and that the United States is a special place for us to race. It is unfortunate that it had to work out the way it did today."

Monteiro finished third for his first-ever podium finish in Formula One.

Overshadowed by the circumstances was the fact that Schumacher joined some very elite company with his fourth victory at the Speedway - Indy 500 winners A.J. Foyt, Al Unser, Sr., Rick Mears and Brickyard 400 winner Jeff Gordon.

The drivers that had to live with the decision not to compete expressed extreme disappointment. David Coulthard issued a passionate plea to his team to be allowed to race, but in the interest of safety the "team" decision was made.

Michelin issued a statement to the public following the race, apologizing by saying that the tires it ran in free practice and qualifying were not suitable for use in racing conditions, and citing driver safety as its priority. But it was clear that someone at Michelin made a big mistake. While Bridgestone may have acquired data supplied by its domestic partner, Firestone, which supplied tires to the Indy Racing League during May for the Indy 500, and came prepared, Michelin was not.

The big loser were the fans at IMS Sunday that spent thousands of dollars coming to see an F1 race. To that end the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and George issued a brief statement after the race, sharing the fans' disappointment and explaining that the FIA, Formula One, and the car owners, constructors and manufacturers made their decisions on an individual basis to participate - or not - in the USGP.

At press time the FIA was reported to be considering fines, points penalties and even suspensions for the teams that did not participate, with any decisions to be made coming later in the week.

RESULTS

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Wheeler Remains Hot, Takes FRRCC Triple Crown Round One

by Jeffrey Sachse

KAUKAUNA, WI, June 16 -- After a week's delay, the Fox River Racing Club completed round one of its Triple Crown Thursday night.

Rod Wheeler scored his second late model victory of the season in a non-stop contest, by a comfortable margin over Terry Baldry. Lowell Bennett gained the initial lead, while Wheeler, who started sixth, worked into third on lap 2, then annexed second from Gregg Haase with an outside pass on lap 6, and a lap later darted under Bennett to secure the top spot. Bennett slid wide on lap 12, allowing Haase to reclaim second and Baldry, who had started eighth, to rumble to third. Baldry then found room under Haase and gained the upper hand by lap 15, but with no cautions to slow his pace Wheeler extended his lead to nearly a full straightaway by lap 35, then worked lapped traffic and cruised home for the victory. Baldry finished ten car-lengths back in second, and Haase edged out fast qualifier Jeff Van Oudenoven for third.

In limited late model action, Andrew Kluck won the 30-lap feature event. Jim Ebben punched to the opening lead before Jessie Gracyalny spun in her limited late model debut, marking the first appearance on the half-mile oval by a female since Jeanie Kind wheeled a late model in the early 1990s. After the restart Kyle Bauknecht went to the lead with an inside move on lap 6, bringing Kluck with him, and Kluck worked low on lap 13 and into the lead when Bauknecht slowed with a flat tire. Kluck and second-place Gary Natrop separated themselves from the field, and Kluck used lapped traffic to keep Natrop in check over the remaining distance. Fast qualifier Tom Spierowski closed on Natrop late but ultimately settled for third.

The super stock main event was captured by Allen Trudell, who also nabbed fast time in the division. Polesitter Terry Van Roy slowed early, allowing rookie Nik Glaser to lead a lap before Andy Casavant took over. Trudell moved into third by lap 4, and after Dylan Wenzel lost momentum after attempting several passes for the lead, Trudell took second and then worked to Casavant's outside with seven laps to go and took the lead. Brief contact between Casavant and Wenzel allowed Glaser to shoot to the outside and edge Casavant for a season-best second the best finish in the main event of his rookie season.

Dan Vixmer was victorious

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With Rod Wheeler well ahead of the field, the battle for second drew fans' attention. Here, Terry Baldry (96) works past Gregg Haase (67) for the position.



Fast qualifier Allen Trudell (60) works under rookie Nik Glaser (53) on his way to winning the street stock feature contest on Thursday evening at Kaukauna.

(Steve Schulze photos)

Feature: Andrew Kluck, Little Chute; Gary Natrop, Kaukauna; Tom Spierowski, Neenah; Jerry Van Handel, Waupaca; Gary Bock, Kaukauna; Pay Braun, Kaukauna; Jim Ebben, Appleton; Doug Carpenter, Little Chute; Eric Hopfenspreger, Darboy; Dan Petermann, Brillion.

Heat 1: Hopfenspreger; Todd Verhagen, Kaukauna; Ron Lehmann, Neenah.

Heat 2: Kyle Bauknecht, Reedsville; Doug Carpenter, Little Chute; A.J. Miller, Bear Creek.

Fast Qualifier: Spierowski, 20.389 secs.

WISCONSIN SPORT TRUCKS

Feature: Dan Vixmer, St. Peter; Nate Ortlib, Chilton; Jeff Van Handel, Freedom; Todd Schuette, Greenville; Jason Van Handel, Freedom; Tyler Lind, Grand Chute; Donald Jaloszynski, Appleton; Chris Lowenhagen, Appleton.

Semi-Feature: Charlie Haven, Appleton; Andy Wilquet, Freedom; Dustin Jaloszynski, Appleton.

Heat 1: Lowenhagen; Brandon Wurzer, Appleton; Ron Magdanz, Fremont.

Heat 2: Schuette; Jason Van Handel; Jason Plutz, Appleton.

Fast Qualifier: Jeff Van Handel, 16.312 secs.

SUPER STOCKS

Feature: Allen Trudell, Kaukauna; Nik Glaser, Kewaunee; Andy Casavant, Two Rivers; Dylan Wenzel, Freedom; Mike Meyerhoffer, Jr., Kaukauna; Todd Baumann, Kaukauna; George Schwabach, Menasha; Sarah Blashe, Little Chute.

Heat 1: Larry Raygo, Omro; Blashe; Bob Voight.

Heat 2: Baumann; Terry Van Roy, Darboy; Wenzel.

Fast Qualifier: Trudell, 16.280 secs.

SIZZLIN' FOURS

Feature: Bryan Monday, Appleton; Phil Verboomen, Kaukauna; Derek Schmitt, Kaukauna; Brandon Whittman, Kaukauna; Neal Sannes, DePere; Tim Richter, Hortonville.

FIGURE-8

Feature: Dan Gracyalny, DePere; Jeff Beschta, Kaukauna; Terry Van Roy, Darboy; Donald Van Camp, Seymour.

LIMITED LATE MODELS

Feature: Rod Wheeler, Hortonville; Terry Baldry, Omro; Gregg Haase, Two Rivers; Jeff Van Oudenoven, Kimberly; Lowell Bennett, Neenah; Andy Monday, Appleton; Tim Rothe, Appleton; Mike Gardner, Gladstone, MI; Jim Duchow, Appleton; Bob Danes, New Holstein.

Semi-Feature: Jim Sauter, Jr., Tomah; Nate Van Wychen, Kaukauna; Kelly Biers, Mauston.

Heat 1: Keith Romenesko, Kaukauna; Callin Harrell, Harrison; Bobby McDonald, Combined Locks.

Heat 2: John Meidam, Appleton; Biers; Duchow.

Heat 3: Bennett; Haase; Baldry.

Fast Qualifier: Van Oudenoven, 19.448 secs.

Dauber Tops at Kankakee

KANKAKEE, IL, June 17 -- Ryan Dauber, John Provanzano and R.J. Gall showed Kankakee Valley Motor Speedway fans some three-wide racing as they battled for the lead in the annual "Topless 40" late model feature here Friday night.

Dauber moved from third to first with five laps to go to grab the checkered flag, while Provanzano took second with a last-lap pass of Gall, who had led most of the way. Provanzano came through the pack to take fourth after seven laps, and it took him seven more to grab third before he finally passed Russ Scheffler for second with 21 laps remaining.

Dan Hamstra won his third straight feature in the open-wheel modifieds, while Randy Akers won his first street stock feature.

RESULTS

Kevin Hastings. Heat 2: Dan Hamstra; Anthony Ricketts; Jammie Wilson.

Feature: Hamstra; Farris; Porth; Matt Bachman; Bob Pohlman.

STREET STOCKS

Fast Time: Jay Hamilton, 17.060 secs.

Heat 1: Randy Akers; Kevin Lenzen; Joe Hillman.

Heat 2: Don McCarty; Steve Dimmick; Jay Morris.

Heat 3: Brett Peters; Darrin Kohler; Joe Brown.

Semi-Feature: Bill Stevenson; Vern Gaus; Don Heilman.

Feature: Akers; Dimmick; McCarty; Kohler; Hamilton.

Open-Wheel Modifieds

Fast Time: Dave Porth, 15.850 secs.

Heat 1: Jim Farris; Dave Porth.

Semi-Feature: Bill Stevenson; Vern Gaus; Don Heilman.

Feature: Akers; Dimmick; McCarty; Kohler; Hamilton.

Johnson Dominates in IRA Visit to CLS

NEW RICHMOND, WI, June 17 -- Wayne Johnson completed a clean sweep of Bumper to Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprint Series action during the "Masters" race weekend on Friday night at the Cedar Lake Speedway.

Johnson established the time to beat with a lap of 11.530 seconds, then won his heat race. Other heat winners included Ricky Logan, Jim Melis and Todd Hepfner, while Joe Roe and Jerry Richert, Jr., split the twin B-mains.

Scott Young assumed the early command of the 25-lap A-main on a smooth and racy track, holding off a charging Scott Neitzel until he jumped the cushion and opened the door. Neitzel took advantage and set the pace until just past halfway, when Johnson, after working through traffic, caught and passed Neitzel. Soon after, an incident involving four cars, including Young, resulted in a red flag; a helpless Kurt Davis encountered the melee, slammed into Richert's stranded car and



Wayne Johnson (14) begins to pull away from **Scott Neitzel (2w)** on his way to the IRA sprint A-main win Friday night at Cedar Lake Speedway. (Neil Miller photo)

rolled over.

The restart saw Johnson put some distance on Neitzel, who had to battle with Logan for position. Logan finally got by Neitzel with two laps to go, but Neitzel drove deep into turn 1 after taking the white and pulled back by Logan approaching the checkered flag, which Johnson took first.

RESULTS

Time Trials: Wayne Johnson,

Heat Winners: Johnson, Ricky Logan, Jim Melis, Todd Hepfner.

B-Main Winners: Joe Roe, Jerry Richert, Jr.

A-Main: 1-10: Johnson, Scott Neitzel, Logan, Travis Whitney, Scott Young, Don Droud, Jr., Hepfner, Kim Mock, Melis, Matt Folstad.

11-20: Mike Kertscher, Steve Meyer, Billy Warren, Mike Steffka, Ty Bartz, Wayne Modjeski, Scott Uttech, Scott Bierter, Roe, Richert.

21-22: Kurt Davis, K.J. Skelton.

Berna Wins Big at Shawano

by Scott Owen

SHAWANO, WI, June 18 -- Eighty-four cars were on hand Saturday night at the Shawano Speedway to do battle on the smooth half-mile clay oval, and Ron Berna picked up the win in the first-ever "Tri-Track Pursuit" late model race.

The pursuit race lined up the top three finishers from the night's late model heat races single-file for a 15-lap event, and if a car lost a position it was done for the race. On the first lap M.J. Hintz got into the back stretch wall and was done, and on the restart Terry Casey made a run at polesitter Troy Springborn but slid up the track and lost momentum. From the back of the pack Gordie Seegert, Jr., got by Randy Markwardt and Tom Naeyaert to eliminate them from the race, while Ron Berna made the pass of Springborn to take over the lead and knock Springborn from the race. Seegert then got by M.J. McBride to move into third as Chris Carlson closed on Berna as the laps wound down. Coming to the checkered flag Carlson made one last run at Berna, but Berna held on for the win. Seegert finishing in third.

The next pursuit race will be July 3 at the Seymour Speedway.

Casey used an outside front row start to grab the lead of the late model feature and never looked back for his first feature win of the year at Shawano. Springborn worked his way up to second on lap 10, but on lap 12 Berna got underneath Springborn to pass him for second. Casey worked his way through heavy lapped traffic late in the event to get the win in front of Berna, Springborn and Carlson, while A.J. Diemel may have had the fastest car on the track in finishing fifth after starting 19th.

Jeremy Hanson led lap 1 of the modified feature before Mike Wedelstadt took over. Craig Bartz twice made it three-wide while passing cars to get to the front before the first caution of the race flew on lap 3 for Brad Rohloff's

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spin. After the restart Bartz and Wedelstadt battled for lead, and on lap 9 Bartz, working the low line, took over the lead. By lap 11 Eric Scribner and Lance Arneson got by Wedelstadt as well to jump into the top three, but Bartz hung on to give his mother a nice birthday gift. Scribner held off the pesky Arneson for second, while Wedelstadt finished fourth over Norm Walbruck.

In the stock car Mike Brehmer led a pack of about six cars early before Dan Michonski took over the top spot on lap 2. Michonski held the lead until lap 4, when Kevin Lamberies took over, and Lamberies and Brian Bruechert battled side by side for the lead for two laps until Bruechert took the lead. Lamberies went back to the point at the start of lap 12, but he then lost his right-front wheel to bring out a yellow flag. On the restart fifth-running Jason Czarapata spun, and when the green came back out Rod Snellenberger pressured Bruechert, but Bruechert got the win while Kyle Frederick slipped past Snellenberger for second. Michonski and Brian Karcz completed the top five. After the race Brian Karcz claimed Snellenberger's engine, Jamie VanOoyen claimed Bruechert's engine, and Barry VanStraten claimed Michonski's engine. All claims were accepted.

The limited late feature got off to a rough start, as polesitter Nate Yonker got crossed up in front of the pack to cause a pile-up. Jeff Deutscher was carefully removed from his car and transported to the hospital with a sore neck. When the race got back underway Mike Kunschke took the lead and ran away from Jeff Curtin. On lap 7 Jesse Peebles got by Rocky Miller to take over third, but on lap 13 Miller got back by Peebles. Kunschke picked up the impressive win in front of Curtin, Miller, and Peebles, while rookie Matt Rindt used a last-lap pass to get by Chad Hohn to finish fifth.

RESULTS

WISSOTA LATE MODELS

Feature: Terry Casey, New London; Ron Berna, Green Bay; Troy Springborn, Shawano; Chris Carlson, Greenfield; A.J. Diemel, Navarino.

Heat Winners: Springborn; Casey; M.J. Hintz, DePere.

Pursuit Race: Berna; Carlson; Gordie Seegert, Jr., Oostburg.

IMCA MODIFIEDS

Feature: Craig Bartz, Shawano; Eric Scribner, Kiel; Lance Arneson, Krakow; Mike Wedelstadt, Fremont; Norm Walbruck, New London.

Consolation Winners: Jeremy Hodkiewicz, Green Bay; Matthew McDermid, Oconto Falls.

Heat Winners: Brad Rohloff, Pulaski; Bartz; Walbruck; Wedelstadt.

IMCA STOCK CARS

Feature: Brian Bruechert, Kewaunee; Kyle Frederick, Gillett; Rod Snellenberger, Pulaski; Dan Michonski, Leopolis; Brian Karcz, Pulaski.

Heat Winners: Mike Brehmer, Oconto Falls; Kevin Lamberies, Shawano.

LIMITED LATE MODELS

Feature: Mike Kunschke, Shawano; Jeff Curtin, Shawano; Rocky Miller, Bear Creek; Jesse Peebles, Bald Knob, AR; Matt Rindt, Shawano.

Heat Winners: Kunschke; Curtin.

FRANCIS CREEK, WI, June 18 --

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Neitzel Masters CLS 30-Lap Thriller

NEW RICHMOND, WI, June 18 -- Night two of the seventh annual Masters event for the Bumper to Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprint Series provided plenty of excitement for the fans.

Mike Steffka won the first heat race, Billy Balog logged his first IRA heat race win in the second heat, Scott Young took the third heat, and Steve Meyer scored his second heat race win in two weeks. Travis Whitney took command of the B-main and never looked back.

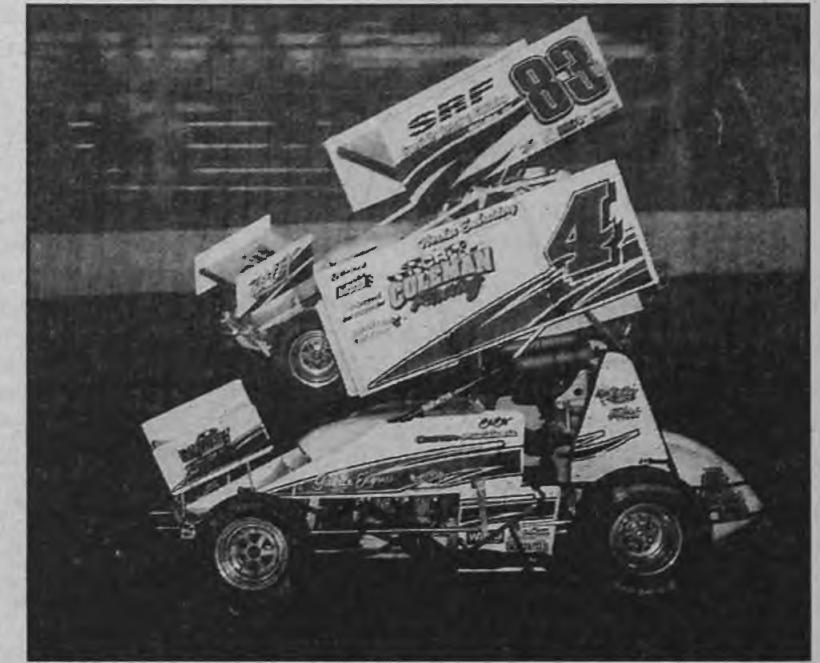
The 30-lap A-main started with Scott Bierter and Mike Kertscher pinched against the outside retaining wall, forcing Bierter into a series of flips, first over Kertscher's car and then end for end into turn 1. Kertscher emerged from his damaged racer, while Bierter was shaken by his violent tumble but walked to the ambulance otherwise unhurt. The red flag waved again after only a couple of laps when Kim Mock lost the handle, forcing Ryan Irwin to take evasive action and become collected by Kurt Davis, whose car shot straight into the air and landed back down on its tail section. Neither Davis nor Irwin were injured.

The next restart saw rookie Matt Folstad start from the pole position and put some distance on John Sernett. Scott Young used the high side to get to second, and Joe Roe joined Sernett and Young in a terrific battle for the spot, but Scott Neitzel finally gained the position. After Jerry Richert, Jr., came to a stop with residual damage from Friday's program, Neitzel sized him Folstad for what would be the winning pass, just before another caution slowed the pace when Mike Steffka came to a stop.

In the seven-lap shootout Young again moved to the top of the speedway but brushed the concrete, caught the marbles and put his car on its side. With four laps to go Neitzel put some distance between himself and Folstad, who was battling for second with Sernett. Neitzel cruised to his second win of the sea-



Scott Neitzel (2w) races with **John Sernett (91)** during the IRA sprint A-main at Saturday night's Masters finale at Cedar Lake Speedway. (Neil Miller photo)



Mike Steffka (83d) battles with **Billy Balog (4)** in Saturday's A-main at Cedar Lake. (Mike Spitzer photo)

son, while Folstad and Sernett, who raced wing to wing for the final few laps, nearly touched wheels before Folstad edged Sernett for second for a career-high IRA finish. Whitney finished fourth after getting around Billy Balog, who posted his own IRA career-high finish.

In the first heat Andy Hunt got caught up in the marbles and flipped up the banking and into the concrete retaining wall. As the red flag was displayed Lloyd Dykstra made contact with another car, landing him on his side as well. Both drivers emerged unscathed, and Hunt later returned for the B-main.

On Friday, June 24, the IRA sprinters will venture to the

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suddenly spun, putting Thiel in the top spot. But when the yellow flag was displayed no one recognized was that the race had exceeded its time limit; a few of the competitors had already entered the pits for repairs and, by rule should have been scored at the rear of the pack. It took over an hour after the program for scorers to sort out the mess, but in the end Thiel got his first-ever feature win at 141.

Brian Rathe led the hobby stock feature field to the green flag, but on lap 8 Lee Kielpikowski nudged Rathe loose and spun him. Rathe got clear of traffic and pulled back onto the track, keeping the race caution-free as a result. Near the end, Tyler Bauknecht cleared Max Schultz for second and chased down Kielpikowski, who was subsequently spun just after taking the white flag. Bauknecht was disqualified for rough driving, and the win went to Matt Reinke.

The Sport Four feature went green to checkered non-stop, as points leader Hank Horn, Jr., who started at the tail of the field, threaded his way through heavy traffic to take the win just two-tenths of a second ahead of Mike Dolphin.

The Speedway also held its first-ever "Faster Pastor" race, featuring ten ministers from various churches in the area competing in enduro-type cars. Although Pastor Sievert was first across the finish line, a salute goes out to all of the churches that participated.

RESULTS

MINI-STOCKS

Fast Time: Troy Selner, Green Bay, 13.223 secs.

Heat 1: Rick Kretschmann, Sheboygan Falls; Steve Schneider, Chilton; Kyle Pieschek, Green Bay.

Heat 2: Kim Ducat, Two Rivers; Rick Lyons, Two Rivers; Kevin Peroutka, Mishicot.

Heat 3: Erik Turner, Mishicot; Allen Dillon, Two Rivers; Dave Senkel, Sheboygan.

Heat 4: Cory Kemkes, Appleton; Jason Novak, Cato; David Gauger, Jr., Two Rivers.

HOBBY STOCKS

Heat 1: Tyler Bauknecht, Reedsville; Lee Kielpikowski, Green Bay; Matt Reinke, Reedsville.

Heat 2: Maxwell Schultz, Reedsville; Peter Kumbalek, Green Bay; David Verhagen, Green Bay.

Heat 3: Errol Berry, Francis Creek; Jason Henrickson, Two Rivers; Wood; Jimbo Schlesier, Manitowoc; Rodewald; Josh Sand, Two Rivers; Randy Nothing, Manitowoc; Thompson; Jo Mueller, Two Rivers; Nathan Wegner, Maribel.

MID-AMERICAN

Fast Time: Dennis Rabas, Maribel, 12.382 secs.

Heat 1: Jeff Tisler, Reedsville; Andy Casavant, Two Rivers; Monte Strouf, Reedsville.

Heat 2: Gary Tisler, Reedsville; Kevin Damrow, Manitowoc; Travis Groelle, Manitowoc.

Feature: Casavant; Rabas; Daryl Gerke, Whitelaw; G. Tisler; Mike Oswald, Manitowoc; Damrow; J. Tisler; Strouf; Jesse Fuller, Cato; Groelle.

HOBBY STOCKS

Heat 1: Tyler Bauknecht, Reedsville; Lee Kielpikowski, Green Bay; Matt Reinke, Reedsville.

Heat 2: Maxwell Schultz, Reedsville; Peter Kumbalek, Green Bay; David Verhagen, Green Bay.

Feature: Reinke; Schultz; Kumbalek; Jason Rabas, Denmark; Adam Pontzloff, Maribel; Jesse Behnke, Brillion; Kraig Koehler, Two Rivers; Verhagen; Kielpikowski; Ryan Eickert, Brillion.

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Fast Time: Hank Horn, Jr., Brillion; Mike Dolphin, Maribel; Rachel Gauger, Two Rivers; Bruce Sand, Two Rivers; Aaron Dalton, Suamico; Kendra Cretton, Two Rivers; Gary Novitski, Jr., Two Rivers; Mike Blashka, Reedsville; Chester Neumann, Kaukauna; Calen Graf, Manitowoc.

Feature: Reinke; Schultz; Kumbalek; Jason Rabas, Denmark; Adam Pontzloff, Maribel; Jesse Behnke, Brillion; Kraig Koehler, Two Rivers; Verhagen; Kielpikowski; Ryan Eickert, Brillion.

Trickle, Cywinski to Join Field for MARS Event at Elko

ELKO, MN -- Former NASCAR driver Dick Trickle and three-time ASA national champion Kevin Cywinski will join the field for the opening race of the Midwest AllStar Racing Series' Super Summer Series for late model stock cars at Elko Speedway on Saturday night, June 25.

Elko's own late model drivers will compete with the MARS tourers, including Series frontrunners Jeff Van Oudenoven of Kimberly, WI, and Steve Carlson of West Salem, WI. Van Oudenoven is a two-time MARS champion and is coming off a 100-lap Series win at Madison International Speedway in Oregon, WI, where over 40 cars attempted to make the field. Carlson is a many-time NASCAR Touring Series and ARTGO champion and won the MARS opener at I-70 Speedway in Odessa, MO.

Racing begins at 7 pm, with qualifying at 6:15 on the 3/8th-mile paved oval. Twin 50-lap MARS late model events will top the program. Call Elko Speedway at (952) 461-7223 for additional information.



Donnie Moran (99) closes in on Matt Miller for the lead in the Masters late model finale at Cedar Lake Speedway on Saturday night. (Neil Miller photo)

Moran Wins Wild Masters Finale

by Tom Lathen

NEW RICHMOND, WI, June 18 -- Donnie Moran survived a half-dozen caution flags Saturday to win night number two of the Masters late model special at Cedar Lake Speedway.

The Dresden, OH, driver, who led for 25 laps on Friday night, grabbed the lead from Matt Miller a half-dozen laps from the checkers and roared to the win.

On the opening circuit Justin Fegers, the night's second-quick qualifier, got sideways and caused a multi-car pile-up, ending the night for Brady Smith and damaging a number of other top contenders. On the restart Don O'Neal took off from the pole to lead. The first caution flag flew on lap 3 when Scott James suffered a flat tire, after which Moran raced past Trent Follmer into third on lap 5, and a lap later he overtook Miller for second.

As the leaders raced through slower traffic, O'Neal made contact with Matt Furman on lap 12, allowing Moran to grab the lead, with Follmer following him through to second. Brian Birkhofer and Terry English got together on lap 14 and Birkhofer spun, and consecutive caution flags flew on lap 16, but Moran continued to set the pace.

During a lap 39 caution period O'Neal's car began to pour fluid on the track, sending him to the pits with 11 laps to go. After a lap 42 caution Miller raced to the point, but three laps later Moran again powered ahead and, following a brief challenge from Miller and Jimmy Mars, he took the checkered flag a half-dozen car-lengths ahead of Miller. Mars drove to a third-place finish, followed closely by Kyle Berck and Keith Foss.

The two-night event was co-sanctioned by the Lucas Oil NARA Dirt Car Series.

RESULTS

WDRL/NARA LATE MODELS

Time Trials: Terry English, Benton, KY, 13.474 secs.

Heat 1: Don O'Neal, Martinsdale, IN; Donnie Moran, Dresden, OH; English.

Heat 2: Fegers; Trent Follmer, Elk River, MN; Denny Eckrich, Tiffin, IA.

Heat 3: Scott James, Greendale, IN; Jimmy Mars, Elk Mound; Darren Miller, Chadwick, IL.

Heat 4: Matt Miller, Waterville, OH; Brady Smith, Solon Springs; Kyle Berck, Marquette, NE.

Consolation 1: Keith Foss, Winona, MN; Dave Eckrich, Cosgrove, IA; Duane Mahder, Eau Claire.

Consolation 2: Kerry Hansen, Spencer; John VanDenberg, Oskaloosa, IA; Pat Doar, New Richmond.

Feature: Moran; M. Miller; Mars; Berck; Foss; Follmer; Shannon Babb, Moweaqua, IL; D. Miller; Earl Pearson, Jr., Jacksonville, FL; Jerry Redetzke, Eau Claire.

O'Neal Uses Last-Lap Pass to Win Masters Opener

by Tom Lathen

NEW RICHMOND, WI, June 18 -- Don O'Neal used a last-lap pass of Jimmy Mars Friday night to grab the opening-night victory in the seventh annual "Masters" late model event, co-sanctioned by the World Dirt Racing League and the NARA DirtCar Series at Cedar Lake Speedway.

O'Neal topped the leader board on three different occasions during the 50-lap event, which saw seven lead changes, including four in the last ten laps.

Brian Birkhofer powered off the bottom out of turn 2 to win a mad scramble with Mars for the lead on the opening circuit. The leaders moved into slower traffic on lap 10, with Birkhofer holding a precarious advantage over O'Neal, who had found running room at the top of the race track.

Following a lap 13 restart, Birkhofer, O'Neal, Donnie Moran and Kyle Berck raced four-wide and Moran emerged as the new leader with Birkhofer falling back into second. Moran raced at times to leads of more than a half-dozen car lengths before lap 40, when his car showed smoke and retired to the infield, returning Birkhofer to the point ten laps from the checkers.

Birkhofer's lead was also short-lived, as a lap later



Jimmy Mars (28) and Brian Birkhofer (15) try to hold off a high-side charging Don O'Neal (71) during Friday night action at the Masters late model special at Cedar Lake Speedway. (Neil Miller photo)

Richmond.

Qualifier 3: Jimmy Mars, Elk Mound; John Anderson, Omaha, NE; John VanDenberg, Oskaloosa, IA.

Qualifier 4: Brian Birkhofer, Muscatine, IA; Terry English, Benton, KY; Keith Foss, Winona, MN.

Qualifier 5: Shannon Babb, Moweaqua, IL; Jerry Redetzke, Eau Claire; Denny Eckrich, Tiffin, IA.

Qualifier 6: Donnie Moran, Dresden, OH; Darren Miller, Chadwick, IL; Matt Miller, Waterville, OH.

Consolation 1: Earl Pearson, Jr., Jacksonville, FL; Duane Mahder, Eau Claire; Brady Smith, Solon Springs.

Consolation 2: Dohm; Eric Pember, Pittsville; Paul Brust, Rice Lake.

Dash: Birkhofer; Mars; O'Neal.

Feature: O'Neal; Mars; Birkhofer; Babb; James; Pearson; M. Miller; Berck; Smith; Mahder.

RESULTS

WDRL/NARA LATE MODELS

Qualifier 1: Don O'Neal, Martinsville, IN; Scott James, Greendale, IN; Tim Dohm, Charleston, WV.

Qualifier 2: Kyle Berck, Marquette, NE; Eric Breeschoten, Buffalo, MN; Pat Doar, New

Charleston, WV.

Feature: O'Neal; Mars; Birkhofer; Babb; James; Pearson; M. Miller; Berck; Smith; Mahder.

Night One Action Sets Tone for Masters Weekend

NEW RICHMOND, WI, June 16 -- With Mother Nature finally providing an perfect evening for racing, Cedar Lake Speedway opened up its seventh annual Masters event on Thursday with a complete show of 118 modifieds, super stocks, Midwest modifieds and street stocks combined with a practice session for the NARA and WDRL late models.

In the Mid-mod feature Dan Wheeler moved to the front before a lap 1 caution, then jumped again to the point with heavy pressure from Jeff Marshall. A lap 9 spin collected the first three runners, but on the restart Wheeler pulled away again and took the checkers a couple of car-lengths ahead of Lucus Hines.

Jason Miller used the top side to jump from the fourth starting spot into the lead on lap 1 of the modified feature, followed by Dave Cain. A bad lap 3 crash involving Steve Arpin and John Corell brought out the red flag, although both drivers walked away uninjured. On the restart, Cain used the top side to drive around Miller into the lead and calmly sliced his way through lapped traffic on his way to another feature win.

Dan Gullikson darted to the front of the super stock feature field with Cory Davis tucked in behind. A lap 7 caution bunched the field, and soon after the restart Tim Borgerson and Davis traded paint, then went three-wide with Dan Carlson for second. Carlson slipped by and pushed Gullikson for the lead, eventually getting by with four laps left. A breakdown by Davis brought out the yellow with two laps left,

after which Rich Bishop threw a great slide-job on Carlson coming out of turn 4 to take the checkers by no more than three feet.

Mark Froelich took off into the lead of the street stock main event, with Jim Gullikson literally glued to his rear bumper. By lap 10 Gullikson pulled even with Froelich, and he got by for the lead, but then Gullikson lost the handle and spun onto the infield, and Froelich regained the lead. Jason Vandecamp pulled even with Froelich with a lap left, and the two traded paint through the final turns before Froelich edged ahead at the stripe to pick up the win.

RESULTS

WISDOT STREET STOCKS

Heat Winners: Chris Peterson, Jim Gullikson.

Feature: Mark Froelich, Jason Vandekamp, Peterson, Corey Crapser, Jeff Nelson, Jimmy Randell, Jeff Heintz, Shawn Kammerud, Chris Keske, Gullikson.

WISDOT MIDWEST MODIFIEDS

Heat Winners: Dane Durbin, Shawn Phillips, Lucas Hines.

Feature: Dan Wheeler, Hines, Erik Peterson, Durbin, Tim Brown, Doug Fredrick, Jim Siercks, Lonnie Louschke, Phillips.

SUPER STOCKS

Heat Winners: Mike Weber, Tim Borgerson, Jake Redetzke.

Feature: Rich Bishop, Dan Carlson, Dan Gullikson, Borgerson, Danny Thomas, Weber, Mike Loomis, Dave Mass, Greg Nippoldt, Brandon Jensen.

MODIFIEDS

Heat Winners: Jason Miller, Brent Larson, Doug Gustafson.

Feature: Dave Cain, Miller, Craig Thatcher, Tyler Keyser, Larson, Gustafson, Dunn Olson, Jamie Lemke, Darrell Nelson, Jim Chyba.

Fegers Surprises with First WDRL Win

by Jerry O'Brien

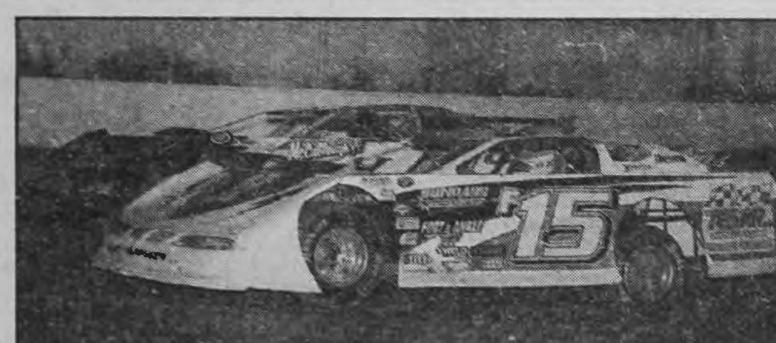
SUPERIOR, WI, June 16 -- The World Dirt Racing League visited Superior Speedway on Thursday night, and 39 late models attempted to qualify for the 50-lap feature.

At the green flag Matt Miller shot into the lead followed by Earl Pearson, Jr., while a fast-moving Justin Fegers moved by Pat Doar for third. With no caution flags to slow the pace Miller quickly found himself lapping cars at the rear of the field, and Pearson tracked him down and, working the low groove, edged into the lead.

A few circuits later Miller regained the lead, while Fegers began pressuring Pearson at the mid-point. Fegers got by Pearson with seven laps remaining and reeled in Miller using the low groove. As the white flag waved Fegers made a low-side move to pass Miller, and the series rookie led Miller by a car-length at the checkered flag for his first-ever WDRL win. Pearson, Jimmy Mars and Steve Laursen rounded out the top five. The race went the full 50 laps without a caution flag and took 15 minutes to complete.

Tim Johnson quickly took the early lead in the super stock supporting feature before the first caution flag flew for a Adam Long spin near the halfway mark. With two laps remaining the caution flag appeared for Ryan Rivord's lost driveshaft, leaving Ryan Aho on the rear bumper of Johnson for the dash to the finish, but Johnson held off Aho on the final circuit to take the win.

Mike Kalkbrenner, who only days endured a surgical procedure, started the street stock feature on the pole and led the first couple of laps before the caution flag flew after Keith Tourville was turned around, creating a big



Justin Fegers (F15) tracked down and passed Matt Miller (7) to post a very popular WDRL late model feature win at Superior Speedway on Thursday night. (Chris Burbank photo)

mess in turn 4. Three cars tangled at the first restart attempt, and Marshall Andrews moved into the runner-up spot with five circuits remaining before the caution flag appeared for a spinning Larry Haderly. Andrews beat Kalkbrenner on the restart, but Kalkbrenner battled back, and Andrews lost control and rolled over, bringing out the red flag. Andrews was all right, and Kalkbrenner went on to take his first Superior Speedway win over Wayne Dean.

RESULTS

WDRL LATE MODELS

Heat 1: Pat Doar, John Anderson, Darren Miller.

Heat 2: Jimmy Mars, Dave Eckrich, Earl Pearson, Jr.

Heat 3: Justin Fegers, Trent Follmer, Mark Wyman.

Heat 4: Matt Miller, Joel Cryderman, Tom Waseleski.

B Main 1: Tom Nesbitt, Kyle Berck, Darin Meierotto.

B Main 2: Brady Smith, John Hempel, Todd Gehl.

Dash: Pearson, M. Miller, Anderson.

Feature: Fegers, M. Miller, Pearson, Mars, Steve Laursen, Doar, D. Miller, Wyman, Smith, Anderson.

WISDOT SUPER STOCKS

Heat 1: Ryan Aho, Jeff Tardy, Sam Skalsky.

Heat 2: Rick Simpson, Randy Silverness, Al Uotinen.

Heat 3: Marshall Fegers, Ryan Rivord, Jay Kuras.

Heat 4: Tim Johnson, Rick Rivord, Destin Lormor.

B Main: Dale Gangl, Paul Berg, Scott Lawrence.

Kelly Storms to Another Illiana Win

by Tony Baranek

SCHERERVILLE, IN, June 18 -- Pat Kelly dusted off the field to capture his second late model feature win in a row and third of the 2005 campaign Saturday night at Illiana Speedway.

"It feels like 2000 again," he said, referring to his championship season. "I guess it just goes to show that you never lose your enthusiasm for racing. It never gets old when you're winning."

Kelly took the lead from Dave Weltmeyer on lap 22 and survived two late restarts with Mike White right behind him to prevail by 0.403 seconds. Weltmeyer was a very close third, although he took the lead from Joe O'Connor at the drop of the green and maintained a sizeable edge over Kelly. But after Kelly took second place away from Kevin Moenck on lap 7 he sliced into Weltmeyer's lead with White in tow. Kelly was side-by-side with the leader on lap 22 when he almost collided with a lapped car, but he kept his car straight and avoided a wreck. Weltmeyer re-established a three car-length edge, but soon after Kelly made what was the winning pass. White also got by Weltmeyer

to take second.

The limited late model feature saw Anthony Danta make a last-lap pass of Richard Dawson to capture his third feature win of the season. Westin Griffith led laps 1-7 before Andy Marchiniak took over and stayed at the point until lap 13. That's when Dawson got underneath and made the pass.

Danta, who started well back in the pack, used a yellow flag with two laps remaining to close up on Dawson's bumper, and he quickly passed Dawson and went on to score the win. Third place went to Marchiniak.

Jeff Cannon stopped Josh Nelms' early-season dominance with an impressive run in the Mid-American feature. Cannon took the top spot from Dustin Heil on lap 2, and even though Nelms worked his way into second place in short order, he was unable to make any headway against the leader, as Cannon beat Nelms to the finish line by 0.914 seconds. Bill Neering was third.

Bill Serviss was cruising in the turbostox main event when, just eight laps from the finish, he spun while approaching a slower car. That turned the lead

over to Tom Gasik, who beat Tommy Prim by a comfortable margin. Billy Jarrells was third.

RESULTS

LATE MODELS

Heat 1: Dave Weltmeyer, Mike White, Pat Kelly.

Heat 2: Keith Parker, Mike Monroe, Shawn Wiljer.

Feature: Kelly, White, Weltmeyer, Kevin Moenck, Joe O'Connor, Jeremy Lepak.

LIMITED LATE MODELS

Heat 1: Mike Richardson, Andy Marchiniak, Joe Fadke.

Heat 2: Jack Kalwasinski, Westin Griffith, Jr., John Finley.

Feature: Anthony Danta, Richard Dawson, Marchiniak, Fadke, Phil Splant, Kalwasinski.

MID-AMERICAN

Heat 1: Josh Nelms, Bill Neering, Jeff Cannon.

Heat 2: John Marshall, Shawn Mattheis, Craig Amptmeyer.

Feature: Cannon, Nelms, Neering, John Fiorita, Dean Patterson, Pat Broenneke.

TURBOSTOX

Heat 1: Ryan Moore, Tommy Prim, Roger Rubino.

Heat

Wenzel, King, Behnke Earn CCRA Honors

CHILTON, WI, June 17 -- On Friday night at the Calumet County Fairgrounds, 119 competitors hit the track to compete, while police officers from the cities of Chilton and Brillion joined the Calumet County Sheriff's Department in a special "Beat the Heat" race at the conclusion of the regular program.

Early in the 25-lap Grand National feature, Dean Horneck and Tim Mueller battled for the lead. Brett Wenzel applied pressure until the second yellow flag came out halfway through the race, and Wenzel took over the lead. As Wenzel raced the middle groove, Bob Cullen and Brian Gilles dove down low to try to pass the leader, but Wenzel stayed smooth and won his second Grand National feature of the season.

In the 20-lap street stock feature Jason Allen grabbed the lead before the only yellow flag halted action in lap 9. A lap later Scott Schwarz and Mike King took over second and third and caught up to Allen, and on lap 14 King passed Allen to take control of the race. Four laps from the end Corey Neuman dove inside and passed Allen for second, as King won the third street stock feature of the season.

In the Challenge car feature, Dan Kupsh had control of the race until the first caution flag on lap 4, and Jesse Behnke passed him for the lead on the following lap. Another halt in the action in lap 10 pulled the field back to the leaders, and on lap 11 Behnke and Kupsh raced side by side before Behnke won his second feature of the season.

In the CCRA Fours feature Chris Baumann jumped into street stocks and hit the track in a wild chase. After ten laps, Craig Wendling from the Calumet County Sheriff's Department took the win.

RESULTS

GRAND NATIONAL SPORTSMAN

Feature: Brett Wenzel, Two Rivers; Bob Cullen, Chilton; Brian Gilles, Plymouth; Matt Yancey, Sheboygan; Jesse Cullen, Chilton; Jamie Gauger, Sheboygan; Nate Ruh, Chilton; Doug Teunissen, Sheboygan Falls; Scott Sohrweide, Chilton; Randy Rahn, Forest Junction.

Byholm Takes Two During ABC Modified Triple Header

by Nick Gima

ASHLAND, WI, June 18 -- Bill Byholm found a comfortable line in the third modified A-main and cruised to a huge payday in Saturday's fourth annual Modified Triple Header at the ABC Raceway.

Byholm slipped under Jeff Spacek and Craig Christiansen through the first turn of the 25-lap event and built a small lead riding the upper groove. Christiansen provided significant pressure on the three restarts in the event, but Byholm overcame each challenge and rode the same line to his 14th career feature win at Ashland and third this season.

Brent Larson, who until the third main was having a quiet but solid night, passed Spacek for third prior to the lap 4 yellow and remained there until the green-white-checkered finish, when he slipped by Christiansen for second. Luke Schilling also got stronger as the night progressed and finished a solid fourth ahead of Spacek.

In the second 20-lap feature Byholm started on the pole and held off first Christiansen and then Robby Bunkelman before finally outrunning a charging Jerry Hartman to the finish.

In the first 15-lap feature Christiansen earned his first career win here after a pole-position start. He built as much as a straightaway lead within the first five laps before the field was drawn back to him by a caution flag for a five-car pile-up that took out defending event champion Craig Thatcher. From there Christiansen could not pull away from Al Uotinen but did keep him at bay to the stripe.

The super stock feature included a four-car battle dur-



In a three-way battle for the lead on Friday night at Chilton Speedway in the Grand National Sportsman feature, Reed Beyer (8c), Hank Aull (24) and Brett Wenzel (4) battled for the lead. (Dan Lewis photo)

Semi-Feature: Teunissen; Andy Fuhrmann, Brillion; Jerry Wenzel, Two Rivers.

Heat 1: Gauger; Sohrweide; Tim Mueller, New Holstein.

Heat 2: Jason Winkler, New Holstein; J. Cullen; B. Cullen.

Heat 3: Gilles; Ruh; Rahn.

Heat 4: Dean Horneck, Kiel; Terry Van Roy, Chilton; Ken Flemming, Chilton.

STREET STOCKS

Feature: Mike King, Little Chute; Corey Neuman, Brillion; Scott Schwarz, Chilton; Jason Allen, Chilton; Wes Rabe, New Holstein; Derek Lecker, Black Creek; Brian Koch, Kaukauna; Steve DeKerf, Sr., Chilton; Jason Dyer, New Holstein; Chris Strumpl, Stockbridge.

Semi-Feature: Rob Dollevoet, Appleton; Koch; Steve Summers, Wrightstown.

Consolation: Chris Lange, Appleton; Chad Vetting, Valders; Wade Belongia.

Heat 1: Dyer; Jason Parrish, Waldo; Stumpf.

Heat 2: Allen; Neuman; Lecker.

Heat 3: Nathan Krepine, Brillion; Rabe; Josh McDonald, Sheboygan.

Heat 5: Joel Beyer, Brillion; Schwarz; King.

Heat 6: Dave Gauger, Brillion; Jason Ludwig, Chilton; Deker.

CHALLENGERS

Feature: Jesse Behnke, Brillion; Dan Kupsh, Forest Junction; Loren Lubach, Sheboygan; Gary Vandenhouwen, Chilton; Mark Ott, Chilton; Mike Schreiber, St. Cloud; Paul Steffens, Appleton; Kevin Hoerth, Chilton; Jared Baughman, Kaukauna; Jay Van Asten, Chilton.

Semi-Feature: Van Asten; David Bembeneck, Chilton; Troy Bartel, Chilton.

Heat 1: Baughman; Pat Noss, Chilton; Lubach.

Heat 2: Pat Wazny, Chilton; Mike Kaufmann, Newton; Ott.

Heat 3: Steffens; Vandenhouwen; Behnke.

FOUR-CYLINDERS

Feature: Matt Vetting, Manitowoc; Ryan Brandes, Brillion; Lorenz Rangeloff, Oshkosh; Matt Maleport, DePere; Joe Miller, Plymouth; Mark Kuhfuss; Neil Sannes; Roger Borth, Plymouth; Hank Horn, Brillion; Jason Juech, West Bend.

Heat 1: Maleport; Rangeloff; Vetting.

Heat 2: Brandes; Chris Baumann, Elkhart Lake; Kuhfuss.



Bill Byholm (4) fends off Robby Bunkelman (00) in the later going of the second of three features during the ABC Raceway's Modified Triple Header on Saturday night. (Bill Borawski photo)

ing the final three-lap sprint. Randy Silverness, Jr., edged ahead of polesitter Ron Hmielewski and led through two early cautions and a 17-lap stretch of green-flag racing. Randy Spacek overtook Hmielewski after the second early caution and followed Silverness in the upper line, while Hmielewski took frequent peeks below both leaders. The fast pace was cooled by a Jake Hiatt spin with three laps left, and on that restart Silverness bobbed slightly, giving Spacek the room to slip by for the lead and pull away for his first win of 2005 and 26th of his career here. Hmielewski followed for an impressive second-place run, while Scott Lawrence also followed suit to swipe third.

The six-cylinder A-main was also a nail-biter that finished with a three-lap dog-fight. Greg Jaeger led every lap to pick up his second career ABC Raceway feature win and first in nearly two years, but he had to fend a determined Scott Ovaska in the early laps. Meanwhile, on the charge from mid-pack were Dale Coddington, who started in row 4, and Steve Stuart, who started in row 6; both used the outer groove to climb into the top five by lap 6, and Coddington swept around Ovaska on lap 7 for second. Shawn McFadden, Jr.'s badly overheating car spun with

RESULTS

WISCONSIN MODIFIEDS

Heat 1: Jeff Spacek, Phillips; Al Uotinen, Superior; Jerry Hartman, Marenisco, MI.

Heat 2: Bill Byholm, Glidden; Scott Hudack, Ashland; Craig Christiansen, New London, MN.

Heat 3: Ross Lightner, Washburn; Rick Przybylski, Ashland; Robby Bunkelman, Abbotsford.

Heat 4: Dean Yrjanainen, Lake Nebagamon; Tyler Keyser, Baldwin; Kent Baxter, Dorchester.

Semi-Feature: Craig Thatcher, Knapp; Mark Baxter, Dorchester; Troy Girolamo, Eleva.

Feature 1: Christiansen; Uotinen; Yrjanainen; Hartman; Bunkelman; Spacek; Byholm; Don Copp, Brule; Brandon Jensen, Maplewood, MN.

Feature 2: Byholm; Hartman; Christiansen; Bunkelman; Uotinen; Luke Schilling, Granton; Spacek.

Feature: Spacek; Ron Hmielew-

The Checkered Flag Racing News

Anderson, Adams Busy at Red Cedar

by Ed Reichert

MENOMONIE, WI, June 17 -- Ashley Anderson and Kevin Adams had busy but productive nights Friday at the Red Cedar Speedway. Anderson passed Adams with just over a lap to go to win the super stock feature and then came back to finish as runner-up to John Kaanta in the late model main event, while Adams won the Midwest modified feature.

Rookie Jake Redetzke came close to winning his first super stock feature before being passed late during a five-car battle for the lead. A yellow flag bunched the field at midpoint, and Adams remained tight on Redetzke's bumper until Redetzke slowed entering the corner. Adams edged up beside Redetzke while Anderson tried to poke a nose under, and Adams edged into the lead. Then Anderson bolted to the cushion, blew by Adams and drove to his fourth win here.

After two first-lap yellows, the Midwest mod feature saw Dan Wheeler jump into the early lead, as Adams drove under Dan Svee for second and, with a power move off turn 4, ducked inside Wheeler to take the lead. Adams then dropped back to the lower line and pulled away to the win.

Mike Goodremote got the jump on Darrell Nelson to lead early in the late model feature before Kaanta moved to the middle line and drove around Anderson and Nelson. Kaanta then edged past Goodremote to take the lead, and although yellow flags for spins on laps 11 and 14 bunched the field, Kaanta pulled away. Anderson pressured Goodremote and on the final lap squeezed past for second.

Craig Thatcher dominated the non-stop modified main event to celebrate his 38th birthday. Thatcher split the cars of Ron Mahder and Mike Anderson and drove into the lead, then gradually pulled to

Anderson, Adams Busy at Red Cedar



This three-wide battle for the lead during the WISSOTA Midwest modified feature included Kevin Adams (40), Dan Svee (76s) and Dan Wheeler (1). (Chris Burbank photo)

Anderson, Nelson. WISCONSIN MODIFIEDS

Feature: Craig Thatcher, Mike Anderson, Ron Mahder, Brent Prochnow, Darrell Nelson, Don Copp, Todd Siddons, A.J. Heuer, Brent Larson, Ross Prochnow.

Heat 1: Scott Splittstoesser, B. Prochnow, R. Prochnow.

Heat 2: Nelson, Tyler Keyser, Copp.

Heat 3: John Kaanta, Thatcher, Larson.

WISCONSIN SUPER STOCKS

Feature: Ashley Anderson, Kevin Adams, Jake Redetzke, Mike Keller, Aaron Wilson, Danny Thomas, Jeff Bush, Ben Hillman, Tom Karis, Cory Mahder.

Heat 1: Adams, Redetzke, Bush.

Heat 2: Keller, D. Thomas, Bryan Noyes.

Heat 3: Anderson, Wade Delong, Wilson.

WISCONSIN MIDWEST MODIFIEDS

Feature: Kevin Adams, Dan Wheeler, Jim Bourn, Dan Svee, Mike Knopps, Mark Thomas, Mark Hanson, Bryce Johnson, Kevin Smeltzer, Scott Smith.

Heat 1: Bourn, Justin Supri, Knopps.

Heat 2: Wheeler, Hanson, Johnson.

WISCONSIN STREET STOCKS

Feature: Troy Fransway, Joe Rhead, Chris Peterson, Butch Madsen, Wayne Dean, Ajay Christianson, Randy Bradford, Chuck Nerland, Jesse Redetzke.

Heat 1: Madsen, Peterson, Fransway.

Heat 2: Hanestad, Rhead, Bradford.

PURE STOCKS

Feature: Wade Aspen, Mike Knudsen, Jordan Johnson, Bobby Kaufman, Jr., Randy Smeltzer, Doug Field, Jeremy Dahl, Chris Endle, Curtis Anderson, Steven Anderson.

Heat 1: Johnson, Field, Dahl.

Heat 2: Kaufman, Knudsen, Aspen.

Super Stock Nat'l's Goes to Anderson

by Ed Reichert

MENOMONIE, WI, June 15 -- It was an Anderson sort of night during Wednesday's sixth annual Super Stock Nationals at the Red Cedar Speedway, as Ashley Anderson led defending race champion Mike Anderson for a sweep of the top two spots.

Ashley was the third and final leader in the 50-lap grind that started 24 of the 61 entries. Cory Davis edged past Ashley Anderson to take the early lead, while Kevin Adams, despite tagging the turn 3 concrete wall hard on one occasion, edged past Anderson for second. Adams and Davis raced side by side until Adams eased into the lead, and he maintained a slight cushion until, on lap 17, a loud "bang" emitted from his car and he stalled on the track for the first yellow flag of the race. Adams' problem was later diagnosed as a broken wire in the distributor.

Davis inherited the lead, but Anderson closed and looked inside several times before finally grabbing the lead on lap 30. Then Davis lost his power steering and hit the turn 3 wall, rode up on the concrete and turned over on his roof. He scrambled out uninjured, and Anderson led Mike Anderson on the restart. Ashley Anderson gradually motored away from the field and received the checkered flag nearly a straightaway ahead of Mike. Ken Truscott



The battle for the lead during the sixth annual Red Cedar Speedway Super Stock Nationals feature was between eventual winner Ashley Anderson (29) and Cory Davis (20). (Chris Burbank photo)

charged from 14th on the grid to finish third ahead of Steve Thomas and Danny Thomas.

Sixteen cars were still on the track at the conclusion of the race, which saw the yellow waved four times.

RESULTS

WISCONSIN SUPER STOCKS

Feature: Ashley Anderson, Mike Anderson, Ken Truscott, Steve Thomas, Danny Thomas, Jake Redetzke, Rich Bishop, Eric Olson, Scott Duval, Jeff Bush.

B Feature 1: Bishop, Cory Mahder, Marshall Fegers.

B Feature 2: Tom Karis, Greg Nippoldt, Ben Hillman.

B Feature 3: John Feirn, Rick Hallquist, Bernie Christianson.

Heat 1: Kevin Adams, S. Thomas, Wayne Engen.

Heat 2: M. Anderson, Kyle Peterlin, Truscott.

Heat 3: Cory Davis, Todd Madsen, Bush.

Heat 4: Steve Burns, Duval, Rod Dregney.

Heat 5: A. Anderson, Redetzke, Shawn Huse.

Heat 6: D. Thomas, Olson, Jeff Tardy.

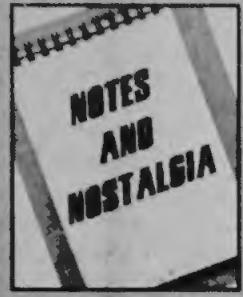
Mellen; Walston; Nevala; Steve Tesch, Prentice; Grymala; Ken Tykila, Iron River.

PURE STOCKS

Heat 1: Jim Eliason, Ashland; Bruce Kalmon, Ashland; Mike Huff, Hurley.

Heat 2: Kevin Truchon, Ashland; Cory Casari, Hurley; Al Rapp, Duluth, MN.

Notes & Nostalgia



There was some irony that when the Boycott of Indianapolis finally did occur, it was perpetrated by the "furners" of Formula One rather than by the "furners" of CART. It's a safe guess that one of the reasons Tony George founded the IRL was that he was aware of the potential for the car owners of CART to boycott or otherwise disrupt his beloved Indy 500. With the IRL being totally under George's control, the threat of any boycott or other arm-twisting by car owners was largely averted, thereby protecting the sanctity of the "500".

Such sanctity never existed for the United States Grand Prix, and now the USGP blew its chance of ever developing in this country. Americans don't like quitters. And no matter how you rationalize it, the Formula One guys were quitters.

Americans also don't like plunking down hard-earned money to be teased and made fools of. And this is exactly what the boycotters did to a hundred thousand or so of us ticket buyers when they stage-managed their shenanigans at the start of the race. On the way to the track we had heard on the radio that the Michelin-shod teams felt that their tires were inadequate for Indy's southwest turn (fittingly, turn 13 for the USGP) and had requested, demanded, whatever, the last-minute addition of a chicane. FIA, or whoever actually runs the race, had stood firm and said there would be no chicane. In effect, the FIA was saying, "Sorry, just because the guys in your line-up cannot hit curve balls, we are not banning curve balls. Curve balls (or fast corners) have always been an important component of our sport, and we're not about to ban them just because you guys have lost the ability to handle them." We've never been a fan of F1 honcho Bernie Ecclestone, but if we had to choose between Bernie and the Michelin tire company, Bernie is the lesser devil.

With that pronouncement, we felt that the issue was resolved. Being racers, we figured that the Michelin-shod teams would grumble and then get about the business of doing the best they could under (for them) trying circumstances. After we settled into our (probably now not-to-be-renewed) \$150 seats above that aforementioned 13th turn, a radio wearer sitting nearby told us that there was a secret meeting going on right now with all the Michelin teams to decide what they were going to do about the issue. (Americans also don't like Klan-style secret meetings.)

The Tom Carnegie-announced pre-race ceremonies went on as usual with no hint as to what was to happen. When the full field pulled out of the pits and went around and took their places on the starting grid, we figured, that in true racing tradition, the teams had vented their grumble but were going to continue with the program.

The first indication of the boycott was our view of only six of the starters continuing on to their starting spots and the other 14 mopes continuing on to their pit stalls. That was the hard part to stomach. If the Fickle Fourteen had made their boycott intentions plain and not been present at all for the pre-race hoopla, we might have been more sympathetic to their cause.

Instead, they were dishonest and treacherous. They fooled us. (Or, you can keep the first and last letters of "fooled" and freely substitute your own letters.) In plain words, we'll never forget the rotten way they did it. We felt we were made fools of and tremendously inconvenienced. If we had known there was going to be only a sham of a race, we would have driven home right then instead of fighting the traffic and the crowds at the track.

We - and the rest of the crowd, we suspect - were stunned into a sort of inaction at what we were seeing in front of us. Inaction, except for the Ferrari supporters - the *tifosi*, if you will, who almost immediately voiced their displeasure and displayed the middle fingers of both hands at the boycotting teams. Then a lot of booing started, of course drowned out by the unearthly wail of the Ferraris.

Still, F1 cars are so spectacular to experience that we watched Michael Schumacher run what was, in effect, a practice session against the extremely weak competition of Jordans and Minardis. After the shock wore off and we tired of watching the elongated string of six cars, we disembarked from our lofty perches above Grandstand B and descended into the world of the common man. Among the more printable refrains being chanted by no-doubt Foster-fueled loudmouths were, "Refund! Refund!" and "Bernie is bull(blank)!" - this being chanted by a woman who had already fabricated a sign of sorts proclaiming her thoughts.

We noticed that some of the police, ever sensitive and wary of such things, already had donned riot helmets. We befriended one officer who acknowledged the threat and said that the police's first preventive measure was to channel the crowds away from Indy's Pagoda. The Pagoda would have made a fine Bastille to storm for malcontents and lager louts. Except for some of the louts, most people were orderly and about the business of making the long treks to their cars and becoming victims of the vast traffic jams that were soon to form.

The comments we heard from fellow fans, while not malicious, were not charitable. No one we talked to blamed Tony George but rather urged George to "kick 'em out" of his race track. One fan posed the question of what type of situation would have resulted had this occurred at Monza. Our counter-comment was that if something similar had happened at Talladega, the place would have been burned down. Even Eldora, for that matter.

As usual, we were forced to exit right when we wanted to exit left, but a short block later we were able to turn towards our intended escape route and eventually get on it. Then, a pleasant surprise, as traffic was light on all the city streets, until we embarked on I-65 north to Chicago. Indy's local AM station was carrying the race with expert commentary by Chris Economaki, who effectively shot down that sacred cow of safety that the boycotters would eventually raise when he noted that the whole essence of racing is that it is dangerous and that's what these guys get paid big money to do. Of course, we realize that had it been left up to the drivers, we're sure they would have run.

There were reports of McLaren honcho Ron Dennis (who we admit we detest) on the starting grid, administering a heated

Jerry Dorich

scolding to his driver Kimi Raikkonen, who apparently was resisting said scolding and wanted to race. Fearing that Dennis would take his corporate toys and go home, Raikkonen and all the other drivers genuflected to their car owners.

What if the drivers had boycotted their car owners and raced anyway? If that had become known, they would indeed have won the hearts and minds of us fans. Now, by bowing, they will forever have to endure being called sissies by any circle-track fans who might have shown any interest in how the other half operates.

NASCAR is just sitting back and quietly chuckling, aware that these developments will only add to its already tremendous popularity. Others have taken action. Most notable is CART, or whatever they call it these days. They have already announced that those holding tickets to the USGP (now only a grim souvenir of what some are calling the darkest day in the history of F1) will be admitted free to their race Sunday in Cleveland. Brilliant move. We've been a CART antagonist for some years now, but this move is the work of a genius. Opportunist? Yes, but absolutely the perfect reaction to the situation.

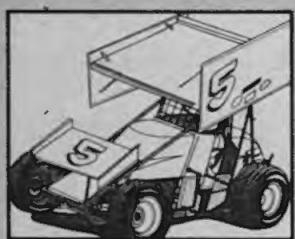
The Speedway and the IRL will have to come up with something really good to top that. Might we suggest that the Speedway attempt to mend this PR disaster that Michelin heaped on it by somehow running a CART race on its road course and allowing USGP ticket holders to attend on their befoaled ticket stubs from the current abortion.

We saw a lot of disaffected F1 fans leaving the track. They should be ripe for switching to a more fan-friendly branch of the sport. F1 has one more year to go on its contract with the Speedway, so surely there will be legal issues; that's what lawyers are for. It's also an excellent time for the Speedway to extend the olive branch to CART and to unite against the common foe, who seems to be either Ecclestone or Michelin, depending on who you view as being at fault. Adding more disaster, remember that there still exists a latent anti-French feeling in this country, and that Michelin is a French company.

Emotions aside, the situation initiates a lot of questions. Will F1 ever be welcome in the US? How long will it take for F1 to overcome this? Does Ecclestone have a major revolt on his hands? How will F1 overcome this public relations disaster both here and elsewhere? Did what we witnessed at the Speedway somehow fulfill terms of the different contracts in place? What about that unwritten moral contract between buyer and seller that implies that the seller furnish an adequate product for the money we paid? What will the Speedway do to pacify its ticket holders? What kind of refunds are in order for us ticket buyers or for television sponsors? Will corporations start abandoning F1? Has F1's bubble burst? How can F1 ever make peace with the Speedway and all of us disgusted ticket holders?

We had been hedging about renewing our expensive tickets. Now, unless the Speedway comes up with something interesting, we don't feel like plunking down lots of our hard-earned money to be witnesses to a fiasco. We figure most ticket holders have similar feelings.

The Infield



What a weekend of racing at the Cedar Lake Speedway! If you are a fan of either sprints or late models, you left there knowing that you saw a show that epitomizes what can happen when you bring together some of the best and most talented racers in the country. I don't care what anyone says - the talent we have right here in our backyard is every bit as good as you'll find anywhere else. I said *talent* - not money, and not seat time. All things being equal, things might be different. If you don't believe me, just ask the fans! They'll tell you.

My goal for each night is to have the fans walk out of the gate with smiles on their faces. On Saturday night especially, they were beaming! The late model race was outstanding, and the IRA sprint feature capping off the weekend was about as exciting as you can get without having to check into the hospital for heart problems. Yes, if you were a race fan, you were at Cedar Lake on Friday and Saturday; if not, call them now and make arrangements for next year's show - a repeat with the NARA and WDRL late models and IRA sprints.

To be brutally honest, folks, the only flaw in the entire program I could find - and I'm not sure you would want to do anything with it, considering the outcome - is the time issue. I know that the track has issues concerning the curfew - and oh, yeah, it was blown away on both nights - but I didn't hear a single complaint about it. The racing was that good!

Going into the event, Ron and his crew at CLS knew the track was going to take a pounding with the amount and type of cars there. It "seemed" a foregone conclusion that the track would be dry-slick and rubber down in no time. Didn't happen, folks.

The problem (if you want to call it that) is that, with the two late model organizations already making several compromises in order to speed things up, and with similar compromises made between the sprints and late models, just about every corner was cut. So the first one out there that says too much time was wasted on redoing the track, I challenge you to come up with a better way to manage a track to stand up under that kind of punishment over three days. Contact me personally, and we'll take a trip up there next year to "try" your idea. In other words, sometimes you just have to make concessions, suck it up and take the lesser of two evils. (I'm sure that's going to come back and haunt me sooner or later!) Anyone who has read anything I have written over the past, oh, four or five years knows how I feel about the time issue, so for me to say what I just did had to be justified.

Enough with that right now. Moving on ... remember a couple weeks ago I told you to watch some up-and-comers? Well, here they come! Matt Folstad, although no newcomer, is still a rookie on the IRA tour and has already set two fast times, including a track-record lap at Wilmot, as well as won several B-mains and a heat race, and he very well could visit victory lane yet this season. I admit that I, too, played "wait and see" a little after their attempt last year faded, but I'm here now to tell you that Matt has the desire and talent to get it done. I guess now it's up to Matt to prove me wrong, but I have until October 1 and, with

time on my side, I am thinking the safe money is on a signature on the checkered flag by then. Did I mention that he is doing all this despite a three-hour drive from the shop to the track each weekend?

Billy Balog and company finally got things turned in the right direction. Two weeks ago, the "Alaskan Cheeshead" (it's official now, as he wore a Green Bay Packers hat all weekend) scored his first IRA B-main win of his career. On Friday night the team guessed wrong (like just about everyone else, it seemed) and the car was, as Billy described, "super-tight." Making the educated guess and having faith that the track crew would once again pull out another miracle (see above), the team opted for what seemed like a radical change. Instincts won out on Saturday, and Billy notched his first of many-to-come heat race wins. One step at a time is the ticket, and it looks like these guys have bought the entire row.

The next row back includes K.J. Skelton and Lloyd Dykstra. At Butler, MI, Skelton was on cloud nine, finishing second to Ken Mackey in an effort that they hope might help them into victory lane sooner than later. It would not be this weekend, as motor problems on Friday night that the team chased all day Saturday kept the number 80 quiet for now. It's funny, but bouncing back is what racers do - usually better than before. So one spot better than second would be ... ?

Lloyd and crew have got to be some of the most laid-back fans in the world. It seems nothing rattles them, and I think it's because they are fans, having fun at what they are doing. What a concept! Hey, if more teams would remember that, I might have to rethink the whole way I write. Bring it on! Seriously, Lloyd is an accomplished champion and knows that they are not going to set the world on fire right out of the box. They are in for the long haul and, more importantly, here to learn. There's a dangerous concept - those teams are the ones with the commitment and discipline to make a statement.

Someone else I need to comment on is Bill Wirth. Bill and his crew have really been sticking it out over the past few seasons, working very hard at learning tracks and the "tricks of the trade," mostly on their own. I talked to Bill on Friday night after the show and he was kind of down on himself and his performance. Has anyone ever heard of a driver who didn't win *not* being down on himself? Bill's complaint was that he is having trouble figuring out set-ups. Wait a minute - who isn't? Saturday's show was a big confidence builder as Bill solidly made the A-main through his heat. A 12th-place finish didn't hurt his ego, either. Leaving Saturday night, Bill was wearing something I never get to see much of - a smile!

One final thought before I get to some of the news from Cedar Lake's pit area. It concerns cages and dogs, and it's more a statement because I said I would do it. Simply put, if you are going to go to the trouble of putting a dog in a kennel for the evening, you really should know where the door is. I handled dogs for ten years in the Air Force and have yet to meet a dog smart enough (or dumb enough, depending on which way you look at it) to stay in an open kennel all night. There, enough said. Questions or tips on penning pets can be directed towards the crew of the number 4 car.

Notes and news from the Infield: I would have to consider the Masters a success. There was enough action on both

Friday and Saturday nights (there was also a separate show on Thursday) to convert a rabid late model fan to a sprint car fan, and vice-versa. It was nice to hear the predominantly late model crowd say the nice things they did about the sprint car show, and the sprint car fans found a whole new respect for the late models as well. Again, a win-win deal that was just what the sport needs.

Joe Roe did not have a very good weekend at all. On Friday night Joe nearly slammed a stopped car that had spun on the frontstretch during his heat. Stopping to avoid that car forced him to the rear and ultimately to the B-main. Transferring through the "B", Joe was caught up in the turn 3 melee after Kurt Davis and Jerry Richert got together and lost his new nose wing as well as his prototype top wing in the skirmish. Crew chief Rob Zorn wasn't very concerned, commenting that the rest of their new nose wings are at the powder-coaters, and it also gave them a good test to see how fast they can turn a damaged top wing around. An expensive test, but not as expensive as on Saturday, when, running a solid top-five halfway through the A-main, Roe dropped out with engine problems. No word on how bad the motor was hurt.

Others experiencing motor woes included Skelton and Ty Bartz. Tim Bartz did show some concern, however, and declined to state how bad he thought the damage might be until he had a chance to do a good inspection.

One team that now has their engine program turned around, much to the dismay of the rest of the pit area, is Travis Whitney's, especially with shows upcoming at Superior (two wins and two sixth-place finishes in recent IRA events) and Deer Creek, where Travis has thrown around the 360 a few times with his WISSOTA friends. Travis commented that they had just received their good motor back from Don Ott and that it looks like Ott's crew has corrected the problems, which led to more than a few teams running Ott powerplants scratching their heads. True to form, Saturday's B-main was a classic display of Whitney in the zone at Cedar Lake.

As indicated above, Scott Bierter's ride was one of the most violent that an IRA team has experienced since probably Kim Mock's Knoxville Nationals crash in 2003. In the pit area after the show, I stopped to see how Scott was doing. I could tell that the end-over-end did what was expected; a quick look at the frame (what was left of it, anyway) revealed no real stress on the welds, and all of the bars were still intact, although the frame in front of and behind the cockpit area resembled something that Andy Warhol would be proud of. In addition, the seat held firm and showed no signs of damage at all. "Everything did exactly what it was supposed to do," stated Scott's father Kenny Bierter. "We add the bars on top for a little more strength, and this is why. I'm just glad Scott is okay." So am I, Kenny, so am I!

The IRA sprints return to the Superior Speedway on Friday night, June 24, and then on Saturday, they will move to the Deer Creek Speedway in Spring Valley, MN. For ticket information, contact the track offices. Send those ideas for making the format faster at Cedar Lake next year at ira@arpix.com. Until next weekend, I'll see you all in the funny papers.

Round & Around



It was our first road trip since my husband's entry into "the zipper club." With a sudden departure of warm weather at home, the journey across Wisconsin to Cedar Lake Speedway found perfect weather awaiting the seventh annual "The Masters."

Now a three-day event, Thursday's former practice night added over 110 race entries in four divisions to give early arrivals more to watch. Fresh yellow paint adorns the walls and infield tires, making things look bright and clean for the TV cameras filming Saturday's events. Sponsors' signs are now shown via a computerized screen above the scoreboard, and a fountain now sprays from the infield pond. I am told that rain has claimed six race programs here already this year, with a couple more threatened by bad weather. To make up for the bad beginning, Mother Nature blessed the place with days in the 80s and nights in the 60s.

Thursday's entries had us thinking everyone had left their jobs - especially the ones coming from the Dakotas and Canada. WISSOTA's Midwest mods started off the progressive heats, followed by mods, super stocks and street stocks. One wheel escaped during the 11 heats, and we saw more flat tires than this year's total everywhere else. B-mains added the remainder of the feature field, interspersed with a few rides given in the track's two-seat race car.

Before the track was completely redone for feature time, some of the late models practiced. The sanctioning bodies of NARA and WDRL allowed local cars a weight break for their heavy engines, so favorites from Cedar Lake and the WISSOTA ranks could also run.

Two dozen mid-mods only had 15 laps to finish their event, slowed only once when a car about to get lapped spun and smacked into the leader. But Dave Wheeler had the track crew rip off the torn fender and kept his spot to the end for his fifth win of the season. Erik Peterson came from the sixth row to finish fourth in the closely-matched contest.

The mod main had only one caution as well, but it got serious when Steve Arpin evidently didn't see the slowed mount in the high lane and ran head-on into it. A few circuits later Dave Cain had worked his way to the front from the third row, making another notch in his win belt. Fierce racing accounted for the fact that the first three positions were passed before the first lap was complete, and half a dozen mounts were lapped in 20 circuits.

The super stock main also began with two dozen WISSOTA warriors for a score of laps but was slowed by three tangles. The final occurred just as the white flag was about to fall, with Cory Davis ending his third-place run with a spin. Rich Bishop launched his car in one final charge at the restart and only led the lap that counted. Considering his car was involved in the opening-lap fiasco and he started back in the eighth row, Bishop's win was even more amazing.

The street stocks began all 19 entries in the 15-lap finale, running caution-free to the end. Unfortunately, leader Jim Gullikson spun as the final flag was coming, so Mark Froelich took back the spot to the checkered flag. It was just after 10:30 when we escaped from the dank air, thus we missed the ensuing practice session, but we would be seeing the same mounts for the next two days.

Friday's pits were filled with late model entries and a field of IRA sprints, each group bringing their own staff to give the Cedar Lake crew a few breaks. Fun activities included a dunk tank, catching catapulted shirts and taking the bus to tube down the Apple River for the afternoon. Only the sprints timed in tonight, which made it possible for Oklahoma native Wayne Johnson to sweep the division. IRA's main group is still made up of our

"homies" who have been in this sport since the old big-block modified days. Now we see third-generation racers as well as several veterans of the old border wars between Illinois and Wisconsin.

Over 50 late models raced their way into the show using passing points. Matt Miller and Brady Smith had to use provisionals in this tightly-matched group. Nebraska's Mark Wyman reportedly had a great run the previous night at Superior, but on Friday his mount rolled and crashed into Cedar Lake's concrete during hot laps. When engine noise didn't drown out the announcers, we could hear updates on late model passing points during the heats.



Earl Pearson, Jr. (l) and Donnie Moran (r) "talk shop" at Cedar Lake Speedway at the recent Masters weekend.

The feature field was a good mix of professional travelers and local favorites. Especially interesting was watching Jimmy Mars at his old home track fading at the start and nearly taking the win. The 50th lap was the one that counted, and Don O'Neal snookered Mars off the final corner to take home the \$10,000. It was his first time racing here in "fifteen or sixteen years," stated O'Neal. Most spectators figured Brian Birkhofer to win from the pole, but no one thought Matt Miller would make his way from the rear to seventh. Donnie Moran had a rock damage his radiator while leading the event, pulling off the track with only 11 laps left. But Saturday would be another chance.

The IRA feature was 25 laps of lightning-quick action that was red-flagged when Kurt Davis flipped and several others joined the tangle. Davis was unhurt, his mount bent. The front duo of Scotty Neitzel and Scott Young traded the lead until Johnson took charge to the end. "I'm speechless," Johnson said. "My guys got together a couple weeks ago and said this would be a lot better than what we've been running." Good thing he listened.

Saturday's fields were down, since several went to run their regular tracks. Still, 34 sprints and 44 late models were enough to put on a great show. This time around it was the late models qualifying, while the IRA winged warriors drew for their spots, then redrew before the feature. After preliminaries set the final fields, the track was entirely redone before fireworks and a four-wide salute began the 50-lap Masters for the late models.

With O'Neal on the pole, one could easily think the race was sewn up, but things happened early and often. A total restart followed a six-car melee that parked Brady Smith, then Justin Fegers, and left Mars with damage. The fourth caution was when West Virginia's Tim Dohm evidently blew a hose, with one more slowdown before the end. The sight of Matt Miller and Moran swapping the lead around the track using huge slide jobs left the audience cheering, as well as the resurgence of Mars once again. Moran reflected on the top quality of his rivals, for Miller had just joined him and Mars as winners of "The Dream" at Eldora.

The IRA contest was a 30-lap whirl which had car numbers 1, 2 and 3 match their positions for the longest time. This race also began with carnage before a lap was scored, when Scott Bierter flipped into the wall and took Mike Kertscher along with him. Two laps later we saw Davis involved in another wreck in his replace-

Fay Hendricks

ment mount and lose his temper at the waste of it all, then get bear-hugged to the ground by zealous officials. Three more times the race stopped - the last for third-place Scott Young getting into the wall - and the final four circuits had Scott Neitzel take over from Matt Folstad. "This is a good sprint car track," declared Neitzel afterwards. "I hope we come back here a lot." It looks like their series' sponsor likes the idea, too, and they may become a permanent part of The Masters. Unfortunately for your scribe, this group took over the second story where we normally view the action, so we were lucky to have friends in the audience with a decent view. Missing some of the viewpoints, still excellent racing despite the late hour, with people still talking about the action when they left.

Sunday was a drive back home, unfortunately, and quickly getting up speed again as the telephone race wound down. Slinger's annual Father's Day treat allowed all the informed Scouts into the track's quarter-mile, their parents in tow. A new fan treat brought previous week's winners down to the frontstretch for an autograph session after qualifying while race line-ups were being set.

The late model field was again separated in time by a tenth of a second, with Mike Egan and Robert Maynor the two who raced their way in via the semi. Freshly-graduated 16-year-old Travis Dassow led the way through three restarts, the second of which was red-flagged when Conrad Morgan sustained an injury to his arm after five mounts got together. John Mueller then worked his way into the top spot just before halfway through the 75 circuits, survived another caution with worn tires, and staved off the hard charges of Brad Mueller to the final flag. Mueller immediately thanked all the sponsors who had been with him for so long, and admitted, "Anybody who sees Brad Mueller behind you gets nervous."

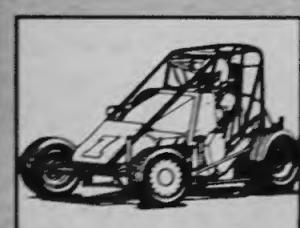
The mod field was to run a non-stop feature, with Eddie Bentfield using his dirt machine this week. The number 13 was lucky for Russ Grade, who charged ahead on the white-flag lap to steal the win away from Joe Houpt. The thunderstock contest also raced flag to flag, the second leader taking the checkers. Two contests were needed for the Slinger Bees, who somehow end up intact at the end despite all the swerving and contact.

The sportsman feature then bogged down with spinning mounts and contact in the field. The fourth yellow flag was the last one needed, setting up a six-lap dash to the finish. Brad Keith maintained his position through all this, staving off the ever-strong James Swan, Dave Thomas and Pat McIntee to the final flag. So happy at the win, Keith then took the flag in hand and quickly reversed his car to do a reverse Alan Kulwicki lap. There was one loud gasp as Keith barely missed a strangler as he made the loop, then all was well.

Contact was made during the spectator eliminations, something we don't like to see. Whether the insurers cover damage or not, this takes the fun out of the event. The figure-8 finale brought the racer tally to 110 as they came to a close after 9:30. Many happy drivers were boosted by the large crowd and padded paychecks Sunday.

Another week of racing is done, with NASCAR coming to The Milwaukee Mile in just a few more days. More later.

Broadsliding the Speedways



Aaron Pierce returned to the Speedrome for the first time this season on Thursday, June 22, and scored a popular 50-lap feature win in the USAC regional midget division. He was trailed by 16-year-old Cameron Dodson, in only his second time in a midget. Rounding out the top five were Rex Norris III, Bobby Smith and Adam Nuetzel.

Dodson, the "new kid on the block" now living in Greenfield, has turned in some great performances in various sprint car organizations and will probably do the same in the midgets. He led the first 19 laps of the feature before giving way to Pierce.

Winning heats were Dodson, Deano Lennon and Nick Bonanom.

The 50-lap USAC Kenyon car feature was won by Dakoda Armstrong, over Bryan Clauson, Thomas Hennigan, Brent Beauchamp and Jordan Pennington. Heat winners were Allison MacLeod and Beauchamp. Armstrong took the lead on lap 22.

Closing out the evening was the Ford Focus midget 50-lapper, which was won by Josh Clemons for the second consecutive week and third time this season. He took the lead on lap 18 from John Mount and was followed at the line by Jamie Williams, Norris, Kyle Robbins and Jodi Meyers.

Heat winners were Meyers and Ricky Ehrhart, who finished sixth in the feature.

Dave Darland led all 30 laps of the USAC National midget feature during the second and final leg of the 2005 "Buckeye Nationals" at Tony Stewart's Eldora Speedway on June 18. It was almost a "clean sweep" for the very popular Lincoln, IN, driver, as he settled for second in his heat race behind Teddy Beach. His stellar performance at Eldora, plus a second-place finish at Lima, OH, on June 17, netted him the 2005 Buckeye Nationals midget championship. Brad Kuhn won the Lima midget feature.

Jay Drake escaped injury after flipping on lap 24 of the feature at Eldora.

The USAC sprint car feature at Eldora went to Kevin Huntley of Bloomington, IN, and, like Darland, he also led all 30 laps, defeating Josh Wise, Dickie Gaines, John Scott and Jonathon Vennard. The "Buckeye Nationals" sprint car championship, however, went to Gaines, of Mitchell, IN, based on the two-day totals.

Rob Chaney was the fast qualifier, and heats went to Jesse Hockett, Mike Miller, Shane Cottle and Bud Kaeding. The semi went to Jay Drake.

The racing program was marred by a horrendous flip by talented 16-year-old Bryan Clauson of Noblesville, IN, during the hot-lap session. He was conscious and speaking after his wild ride

but was transported to a local hospital for a check-up and observation. The youngster had been making a lot of headlines this season in both midgets and sprint cars. The prayers of all of us are with this very popular driver.

An upcoming special event will take place at the Toledo (OH) Speedway on July 8 along with the USAC sprint and midget program. An old timers' reunion party will take place at 2 pm, with a meal served at 5. Any old-time sprint and midget drivers, car owners, etc., interested in attending are encouraged to contact Dennis "Duke" Cook at (419) 230-3534 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made for the festive and nostalgic evening.

Down Memory Lane: Ten thousand fans were at the Consolidated Racing Association midget car program at the Sexton brothers' Indianapolis Speedrome opener on May 12, 1942. The 25-lap A-feature was captured by "Lucky" Purnell over Red Keel and Swede Carpenter. Heat winners were Huston Bundy, Curley Runyon, Jim Chandler and Rex Woodard.

On June 16, twin 25-lap class A features were held, and Purnell won both of them. Trailing Purnell in the first feature were Kip Young and Harry Hart; in the second "25" he defeated Brereton and Keel.

Bundy rounded out the June schedule at the Speedrome with a 50-lap feature win over Purnell, who won the B-feature. Heat wins went to Bundy, Runyon, Floyd Wilfong and Bus Wilbert.

Ted Hartley won the July 14 feature by defeating Bundy, Hart and Wilbert. The B-feature went to Doc Matthews.

Kip Young won the feature on July 21 after setting fast time in qualifications. He was followed by Harry Hart, Bundy and Breading. Scoring heat wins were Hart, Dick Frazier, Wilfong and J. Carpenter.

Salem (IN) Speedway midgets, 1949-'50: Al Silver, driving his own Offy, won the 100-lap AAA midget feature at the Salem Speedway on July 4, 1949. He was followed by Mel Hansen, Sam Hanks, Lyle Dickey and Frank Burany. This was Silver's first appearance at the high-banked oval at Salem, and his engine quit running on the last lap. He coasted across the finish line with a new track record of 41:41.66 minutes for the distance.

Fast qualifier, with a time of 22.46 was Duane Carter. The dash went to Mel Hansen.

The midgets returned on October 23 for a 20-lap feature, which was won by Pete Romcevich over Ray Lyden, Duane Carter, Vic Carter and Wally Hostettler. Duane Carter set fast time at 20.34 seconds. Heat winners were Carter, Hostettler and Mike O'Halloran; the consy went to Bill Geiss.

The high-banked Salem Speedway presented a program of AAA midget racing on July 4, 1950, and Duane Carter won the

25-lapper over Joe Sostilio, LeRoy Warriner, Jimmy Dennis and Frank Tillman. Heat winners were Andy Linden, Henry Dennis and Potsy Goacher.

Promoter Roberts staged another AAA midget program on September 4, 1950, with Troy Ruttman taking the checkers over Goacher, John Tolan, Rex Easton and Warriner. Winning heats were Goacher, Warriner and Tillman, while the fast time of 20.62 seconds was set by Goacher.

Ted Hines of New Castle, IN, won the 50-lap USAC Speedrome midget feature on July 12, 1991, for his third feature win of the season. Driving the Hines family VW, Hines took the lead on lap 21 and was never seriously challenged.

Rookie driver Mike Bymaster led the first 20 circuits over the fifth-mile Speedrome oval and then battled gamely with veteran Sam Isenhower for many laps in an attempt to hold on to second place. On lap 32, Michael Lang made a sensational pass to get by both Bymaster and Isenhower for the runner-up spot.

Behind Hines and Lang at the checkers were Sam Isenhower, Bobby Allen, rookie Mike Bymaster, Jerry McPherson, Bill Luse, Mike Hurst, Terry Goff and Max Ebaugh. Chuck Leary dropped out on the first lap and his car slowed on the track to bring out the first of four yellow flags. Kevin Potter, winner the previous week, spun on lap 13. Bill Baeu spun on lap 35, and the final yellow waved on lap 40 when rookie Lynn Ambrose was waved in for a technical inspection; he was then sidelined for oiling. Also dropping out was Ralph Liguori, Mel Kenyon and highly-touted rookie driver Kenny Irwin.

The four heats went to Bymaster, Isenhower, McPherson and Baeu. The two semis went to Liguori and Eddie Legg. Winning the B-race was Luse, who took the lead on lap 14 when Brian Gerster, another talented rookie driver at the Speedrome, dropped out with mechanical problems.

The eight qualifiers from the B race were Luse, Chuck Leary, Michael Lang, Tim Mehner, Mike Hurst, Irwin, Jim Hines and Ebaugh.

Norm Young escaped injury after ramming the wall on the homestretch.

To capitate the Speedrome season to that date, defending champion Hines had scored three feature wins, including a 100-lapper. John Murphy had scored twice, and single wins were posted by Lang, Potter, Kenyon, Isenhower and Kenneth Nichols, also in a 100-lap event.

On hand enjoying the midget action were Andy Hurtubise, Roger McCluskey, Jr., Ron Eden, long-time HARF president Dan Wonn, and, of course, George Seats, a sparkplug in the HARF organization.

Mail welcomed at 1714 Georgetown Road, Lot 12, Speedway, IN 46224.

Ramblin' 'bout Racin'



This past weekend was the two-day "Summer Rumble" between neighboring tracks Columbus 151 and Jefferson, two tracks which race on consecutive nights but normally see little crossover amongst competitors. I raced these shows, so I have just a few highlights to share here.

Dean Schultz won the late model feature at Columbus Friday, for his second win of the year. Dean is having a really good year and will once again be in the thick of things for the track championship. Ken Olson won the feature Saturday night at Jefferson, but neither of these drivers competed at both, so the overall "Rumble" title went to Jason Erickson, with fourth- and second-place feature finishes.

Terry Wangness won the street stock feature at Columbus. Terry is in his first year in the division after being the man to beat in the hobby stocks the past few seasons wherever he

went. He races most often at Jefferson, but he has raced his hobby at Columbus, so he knows the track. This was his first time with the street stock and it was a good one, as he got that first feature win in the division. Terry did a lot of driving, as he also raced his old hobby stocker, so he was busy!

Dustin Ward scored the overall title, with a third and a sixth. Dustin races mostly at Columbus, but he has also raced some at Jefferson in the past. Luke Padfield scored the win at Jefferson, but he races at Madison on Friday nights.

Mike Storkson is a rookie in the hobby stocks, but that isn't stopping him from having a good year. He won the feature at Columbus and scored a fifth at Jefferson to take the title in that division. He is quickly becoming a top driver in the division. Jim Robinson won the feature at Jefferson.

In the Bandit division, Schaun Schuel won Friday in a close and tightly-fought battle with Marc Balis, but Balis finished ninth at Jefferson, and that was enough to give him the overall title. Andy Bauer won at Jefferson on Saturday.

Yes, I did race both tracks, but you might not know it, as

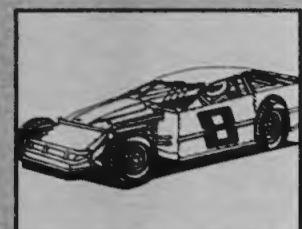
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apparently I didn't score any points at Jefferson. I did win a consi at Columbus - my first win in almost two years. I enjoyed pitting next to rookie drivers John and Nate Lacy at Columbus Friday, as well as with Brian Paulson and Linda Carignan. Thanks go out to the Paulson Racing Team for letting me keep my car at their place overnight. And talk about service - they even washed it! And thanks, Brian, for the help in the pits Friday!

It was nice that Jefferson ran a regular format with normal heat races and so forth for their show on Saturday, as it helped give visiting drivers a better chance. They've normally gone with a qualifying race-type format for this season, which I don't care for as well as the old way of normal heat races, with like-timed cars racing each other.

Stopped for gas on the way home and talked with fellow Bandit driver Jeff Goecks, who actually had more race car damage on the way home than at the track. He said a deer ran into the side of his race car as he was towing it home, doing some damage to the side of it!

Reichert's Ramblings



On Tuesday, June 14, the World Dirt Racing League ran a make-up show at Freeport (IL) Raceway Park, after the regularly scheduled show was rained out a week ago Saturday. Along with the 33 late models, 25 modifieds were also on the program, as rain again threatened but missed the track, save for one minor mid-afternoon sprinkle.

I'm not sure if it's just me, but it seems like the WDRL has lost a little bit of the charm that made it such an interesting group. Not that the WDRL has done anything wrong; actually, it has been its success that may have hurt it. What I originally liked about the WDRL was that it brought in a large group of regional stars plus attracted a lot of local talent that felt they could be competitive under the WDRL's tire rule and weight breaks. But the series' schedule has now gotten so extensive that many of the regional drivers no longer tour with it; they've even recently lost the Kosiski brothers from the group. Most of the WISSOTA drivers that ran with them before now have second cars for WDRL used only, or at least have added aluminum motors to their arsenal, realizing that the one win by Pat Doar at Superior a few years ago with a WISSOTA-legal car

was more a fluke than anything else. The drivers now believe that, in order to be competitive on the big tracks that the WDRL now visits, much power is needed.

For those reasons plus some others, the WDRL now has about a dozen drivers that make all its shows and depends on locals to be field-fillers. Except that the faces are different, the series is not much different now than a multitude of other traveling groups. They still are using passing points, and that remains a plus in their favor.

Certainly Freeport's big half-mile is a power track, and that was reflected in the final standings, which saw Steve Francis lead Darren Miller, Denny Eckrich, Brian Birkhofer and Dave Eckrich home. Francis dominated the entire race, and the only time things got close was when a late yellow gave Miller a shot. Francis lost his brakes on the restart and almost knocked down the turn 1 wall, but being the professional that he is, he bailed himself out and took home the win, albeit more exciting to him than he probably would have liked.

Gary Webb gave his spec motor a great run and held third for many laps. He was still in the top five with few laps to go when he dumped liquid in turn 1 and came to a sudden halt. It was the best run by Webb against big competition in quite some time, as he has resolved to run the Simmons Promotions tracks with his spec motor to win some features and some

NASCAR point money, while cutting his racing and travel expenses. It's kind of depressing that one on the true "outlaws" of the sport has been forced to make this concession due to the economic times we're facing and the state of late model racing as it exists today.

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Scrapin' the Walls



Last Friday night I was sitting in the stands at Madison International Speedway. No, I am not going to sit here and tell you about the racing action; you can read their report elsewhere in this paper. But what I want to tell you about is the conversation that a friend and I were having at the end of the night. My friend has asked me to keep his name out of this because he is shy.

We happened to be sitting behind the family and friends of Ryan Goldade, who races in the sportsman division at MIS. He actually had a great night, winning his heat and the feature. (Okay, I apologize for giving the results.) Anyway, what stood out was the enthusiasm that his family and friends provided when won. There were probably around 20 people in this group, and they were having a great time.

The reason I bring this up is to give an example of what I think local short tracks are missing right now - the fans.

I know, you are sitting there reading this and rolling your eyes, probably saying things that little kids can't hear: Keep reading.

During the 1970s to the mid-90s, area race tracks enjoyed pretty good weekly attendance. Today, these tracks are struggling. When Wayne Erickson told me last year that he was having a bad year at Slinger, then you know something is not right. It's almost as if the baby-booming generation that graced our weekly tracks is slowly starting to draw away.

Tracks need to find a way to find new fans. But look at what

they are up against. Fans can sit at home and have approximately 1,000 television stations to choose from. They have video games that can make them feel like they are going to be the next NASCAR champion. The economy right now is limiting their entertainment dollar.

The cost of racing is also having an impact on the number of cars as well. Part of the problem is that some are racing in divisions that they can't easily afford, and that leads to race cars sitting in the garage instead of racing on the tracks.

I think its time that everyone looks carefully at what we are doing. What are we doing that is possibly hurting the sport of local short-track racing?

If you are a racer, ask yourself this question: Is racing to me a hobby or a business? Do I need to spend thousands of dollars to race on a weekly basis and enjoy racing? Can I easily afford to go out every week and help put on a good show for the race fan? We fans don't want you to get in over your head and have to park the car due to lack of funds. I realize you have a dream to make it to a higher level, but we all need to live in reality as well. Everyone wants a Porsche, but some are stuck with a compact car, because that is what they can afford.

If you are a track owner, look at what you can do to keep your expenses within your limits. Right now, we are seeing tracks pay out a purse necessary to pay for race teams and their high-dollar price tags. Currently, we are seeing more and more interest in the "crate" motor; this is currently a low-dollar motor that is proving to be competitive. I just hope and pray that, with its increasing interest, that the price of crate motors doesn't rise. Would a crate-motor division be better as a weekly program rather than trying to support the high-dollar super late

model division?

Also, take a look at the tracks that have good weekly car counts. Why is this? They have divisions for several different racing budgets, so basically anyone who wants to race has an opportunity to do so at those tracks.

Now, getting back to the family and friends of Ryan Goldade. We need more of those people at our tracks. We need the ones who want to come out, have fun and be supportive of the track. Just think of how those people can bring more and more people to watch someone they know race each week. I am willing to bet that a majority of those fans that saw Ryan win will be back next week, and they will be cheering louder than what they were last Friday.

We also need to get our friends to realize that watching a short-track race in person is a lot better than watching it at home. Remember, at the local short track, you can watch whatever you want on the track and there are hardly any commercial breaks, and you don't need to spend huge dollars on some awesome stereo system for your home when you can have the real thing at the track.

Finally, as a fan, I hope track promoters will try to help the cause by bringing fresh blood to the track. Let's do what we can to help keep the best-kept secret of entertainment going. Short-track racing is a sport that is very fan-friendly and can be enjoyed and passed on from one generation to another. Why can't short-track racing be spoken of in the same context as baseball, football and other sports? I guess that, if we knew that answer, I wouldn't be writing this column.

Edwards Rallies to Get Third Busch Win of Year

from NASCAR.com

SPARTA, KY, June 18 -- Carl Edwards raced to his third NASCAR Busch Series victory of the year Saturday night, passing Martin Truex, Jr., with a little more than lap to go in the Meier 300 at Kentucky Speedway.

Edwards worked his way back to the front of the field after dropping to ninth with a four-tire stop with 31 laps left, and he led 150 of 200 laps on the 1.5-mile oval, finishing 0.69 seconds ahead of Truex.

His team took a chance with 31 laps left when he made the four-tire stop under a green flag. After dropping to ninth, he worked his way to fourth, then got a break with 15 laps left when a collision between Greg Biffle and Tyler Walker brought out a caution.

Edwards set a Busch Series track qualifying record and started on the pole after a fast lap of 181.287 mph, and his average speed for the race was 117.097 mph.

RESULTS

1-10: Carl Edwards, Martin Truex, Jr., Clint Bowyer, Reed Sorenson, Paul Menard, Sterling Marlin, J.J. Yeley, Stacy Compton, Casey Atwood, Jon Wood.

11-20: Justin Labonte, David Green, Tony Raines, Kenny Wallace, Denny Hamlin, Brandon Miller, Stanton Barrett, Aaron Fike, Tyler Walker, Tim Sauter.

21-30: Randy LaJoie, Chad Blount, Michel Jourdain, Jr., Rusty Wallace, Ashton Lewis, Kertus Davis, Steve Grissom, Ryan Hemphill, Wade Day, Greg Biffle.

31-40: Jason Keller, David Stremme, Mark Green, Blake Feese, Jeff Fuller, Wayne Edwards, Jamie Mosley, Johnny Sauter, Eric Jones, Tim Fedewa.

41-43: Regan Smith, Michael Waltrip, Chris Horn.

Biffle Wins Cup-Best Fifth at Michigan

from NASCAR.com

BROOKLYN, MI, June 19 -- Greg Biffle won for the fifth time in 15 NASCAR Nextel Cup starts this season, outdueling Tony Stewart on Sunday to take the Batman Begins 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

Roush Racing team, winner of the last two season championships, won its eighth race of the season, and three of Biffle's four teammates finished in the top five. The fifth, defending Series champ Kurt Busch, faded to 12th after running in the top ten throughout most of the 200-lap event.

Biffle led a race-high 97 laps but lost a strategy battle at the end. Biffle, who led 63 laps, was running second to Stewart when he decided to stay on the track during a late caution, while Stewart and several other lead-lap cars pitted for fresh tires with 31 laps to go. Biffle and the rest of the leaders had pitted only about a dozen laps earlier. Stewart restarted eighth when the green flag waved on lap 174 and got all the way to third by lap 178, but it took him until lap 198 to get past Matt Kenseth.

Roush drivers Mark Martin, Kenseth and Carl Edwards finished third through fifth.



Greg Biffle (16) battles with Tony Stewart (20) for the lead in the Batman Begins 400 at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday.

(Don Norman photo)

RESULTS

1-10: Greg Biffle, Tony Stewart, Mark Martin, Matt Kenseth, Carl Edwards, Joe Nemechek, Michael Waltrip, Elliott Sadler, Kyle Busch, Rusty Wallace.

11-20: Jeff Burton, Kurt Busch, Jamie McMurray, Bobby Labonte, Ryan Newman, Scott Wimmer, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Kasey Kahne, Jimmie Johnson, Jason Leffler.

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41-43: Brian Vickers, Stuart Kirby, Mike Wallace.

North Tundra Racing Beat



It was a busy week for we old folks, starting on Thursday night at the Superior Speedway for the WDRL show. After 31 days straight with at least some rain, Mom Nature gave us a break, but there was still some trepidation as to how the track would be.

The track crew opened up the track at about 10 am., I was told, and then packed the heck out of it. In fact, they were packing right up to hot laps. Turned out, no worries, mate, as it was an optimum surface. It always looks as though Superior's surface gets dry and slick when it turns black, but (and I'm no expert) it seems to me that the low sand content in the clay we have combines with the rubber laid down to give it a black look but retains the grip of a fairly tacky track. As a result, the track becomes very racy top to bottom.

The event drew 39 cars in a mix of WDRL, WISSOTA and traveling late models, including Earl Pearson, Jr., "Dream" winner Matt Miller, Darren Miller, local favorite Jimmy Mars, and defending WDRL champion Brady Smith, who is from nearby Solon Springs. We would have had 40 cars, but Harry Hanson's motorhome broke down on the way there.

The race turned out to be a barn burner, as the 50-lap feature took 15 minutes to run, with no caution flags, and featured a last-lap pass for the win by the top WDRL rookie. Matt Miller traded the lead with Pearson, but Justin Fegers, who comes out of the WISSOTA ranks to run for RoY in the WDRL, worked the bottom like a veteran, took the measure of Miller on the white-flag lap and took a very popular victory in front of a very partisan crowd, which, by the way, was a full house.

Some performances of note: Mars won his heat win, started eighth in the feature, and finished fourth. Smith won a B-main, and started 20th and finished ninth in the A-main. Steve Laursen had the best finish with a WISSOTA-legal motor; he started 11th and finished fifth. Tom Nesbitt, at 65 years young, won a B-main by half a lap and ran well in the feature.

Also on the card were two support classes. The super stocks feature winner was Tim Johnson of Brainerd, MN, who has only raced at Superior twice in his career but has won both times. Tim came off a win in the make-up feature at Proctor, MN, on June 12. On the street stock side, defending track champion Marshall Andrews was going for the feature win when he clashed with his

brother-in-law, Mike Kalkbrenner, who was leading. I spoke to dad Louie Andrews later, and he said Marshall was "driving mad" into the first turn, went in too fast and rolled it over. Kalkbrenner finally won after the red flag for his first win ever at the Speedway and second of his career.

If you are a regular reader of this column you will remember that I mentioned that Mike Kalkbrenner was scheduled to have cancer surgery on Monday, June 13. The procedure went well and the doctors think they got it all. It was sweet to see him win after all the mental baggage that goes along with finding out one has cancer. Again, we hope for a complete recovery for Mike, and that he and Marshall can put the wreck behind them.

On Friday we took off down to the Cedar Lake Speedway for the Masters, which was a two-show event. Friday's show drew 53 late models - again a mixture of WDRL, NARA and WISSOTA cars. Donnie Moran was on the way to winning the event with relative ease until a breakdown with about five laps remaining put him in the infield. That left a duel between Jimmy Mars and Don O'Neal for the win, and given their history last fall at Knoxville, I was wondering if anything would happen. As it turned out, O'Neal nipped Jimmy by a foot at the line for the \$10,000.

O'Neal has put together a couple of seasons with many feature wins, but in the past year or so he has also been involved in a number of incidents. Of course, Mars has been known as "Ice Man" for much of his career, not so much because he is a cool customer (though he usually is under fire) but because of a beer sponsor he had when he was first coming up. There, some trivia for the fans.

Usually when we go to Cedar Lake we stay at the Farm, but it is under renovation in preparation for sale so we decided to get a motel.

On Saturday, we elected to head back north rather late in the afternoon, so our options were limited to either Rice Lake or Ashland. Rice Lake is closer to CLS, but we had never been able to Ashland's Modified Triple Header, so we made a *banzai* run cross-country to Ashland and arrived just a few minutes before seven and the first green flag.

We are glad we went there, as this is an event that should not be missed by anyone who is a modified fan. The idea of the event is a progression through three feature events, each one a little longer and a little more lucrative. Drivers must qualify through heats and a B-main like any regular show, but the 24 that make the cut are locked into running all three features if they

Jerry O'Brien

are able. The third feature is lined up by cumulative points based on the WISSOTA points system, with the top eight drivers drawing for the first four rows, etc., etc. There is a chance for a driver to win \$2,700 if he wins all three features, including a bonus of \$500.

Bill Byholm won the second and third features and should have made, if my math is close, \$2,100. (Editor's note: yup.)

There were 31 cars there for the effort, but should have been more in my estimation. National champion Craig Thatcher was there but had a sour time in the first two features. He started 20th in the final feature and made it up to tenth at the checkered flag.

Also on the card were super stocks, pure stocks and ABC's own six-cylinder class. The race report is elsewhere in this issue.

Though I shouldn't say this too loudly, it seems that summer may have finally made an appearance. The entire weekend was great, including Sunday night at Proctor. We are finally all caught up on make-up features there, as we got everything in and were done at about 10:30 pm. Of course, the car count stood at 134 - a little more manageable than 170-plus from the previous weekend.

For some reason the late model and mod counts were down, but the Mid-mods, supers and pure stocks made up for it. That Mid-mod class just keeps growing, as there were 35 in attendance.

All in all, a pretty good weekend of racing - four different tracks in four days - and one we enjoyed. We went to gas up the van after the races at Proctor and discovered we had put on 505.3 miles since Friday.

The upcoming weekend will also be busy for us - another four-day run, though the furthest we will travel is to Ashland or Hibbing, depending on direction we decide to go. Three of the four days will be events at tracks we work for so, only Saturday will be a pleasure trip for us. The IRA sprint "wingnuts" make their first of two appearances at Superior on Friday, while Sunday we will be back at Proctor for the weekly show. (An aside here: the fencing that encloses the back of the grandstands is in place now at Proctor and looks great.) On Monday we will make the arduous mile-and-a-quarter trek to the Superior Speedway again for the annual Russ Laursen Classic.

It is again 4 am and it is time to say, that's all from here on the sweltering tundra.

Racing Reflections



The late Dave Field made it a habit of never starting the season until after Memorial Day. Everyone else would have a few races under their belt, and then Dave would appear with his latest rendition of Ford. It could be that veteran Joe Krzykowski is beginning to do the same. His appearance at Golden Sands on June 10 was his first of the year, and he didn't seem bothered about it. "I felt lazy," Joe confided, "then I got some ambition. Now I'm here."

While certainly anything but long in the tooth, Brandon Selle was also making his first appearance at Golden Sands that evening. Selle's career, which is just getting off the ground, is steeped in history. Don Selle raced in the '60s and '70s and did well at Apple Creek and Oshkosh. Terry Selle, Brandon's father, raced in the '90s on dirt for a while at Seymour, where he was a feature winner. One of his most memorable experiences on asphalt occurred at Kaukauna in 1995. He flipped a record 12 times between the third and fourth turn. Terry walked away without a scratch.

Brandon took over driving responsibilities in the family operation in 2000. His first experience was in a late model. While he has some fast times he is still looking for his first feature win. In 2003 he was fifth in points at Golden Sands. The plans for 2005 include being at Golden Sands and running some specials.

After destroying his car on opening night, Mark Mackesy purchased one from Dan Harrell of Appleton and is back at the track. Mackesy was running in the outer groove, passing a number of cars, when his car took an unexpected right-hand turn and went head-on into the wall just beyond the start-finish line. "It wrecked it good," Mackesy reports. Mackesy had finished the 2004 season with fast times on the last two nights, lifting him to seventh in points.

Mark's younger brother Wayne Mackesy is also racing at Golden Sands. Wayne's career has many twists and turns. He began in street stocks at Wausau and then Antigo in 1995 and '96. Then he ran his father Bob's late model in 1997. He ran the Midwest Enduro Series and then switched back to street stocks at Wausau. In 2000 he missed the championship by eight points. From 2001-'04 he ran late models at Marshfield, winning his first feature in 2004. In 2005 Wayne will be at Plover.

Keith Bohmsach spent his youth watching his uncle Jim Bohmsach race, and that was his inspiration to try it himself as he grew older. Keith was the pure stock champion in 1996, rookie of the year in the super-stock division in '97, and champion of the super stock division in 2000-'01. In 2000 he never finished worse than fourth and won nine or ten features. He was rookie of the year in the late model division in 2004 and held off Jeff Weinfurter for his first feature win earlier this summer.

Brady Baldry, son of Terry Baldry, is another of the young drivers appearing at Golden Sands. He began ice racing at age 14, and by age 16 he was running super stocks at Kaukauna. That year he finished second in points and was rookie of the year. In 2002 he still was running super stocks but testing his talents in late models. By 2003 he was running late models at an assortment of tracks. He continued to do so in 2004. He has decided race for points and rookie of the year at Golden Sands in 2005 in a car that was built for the campaign.

It was a pleasant surprise to see John Kraemer's 1965 modified circling the Dells Motor Speedway during intermission on Saturday night. Kraemer was one of the great modified drivers from the Milwaukee Stock Car club during the '60s. His son Mark found the remains of a car he built in 1965 and raced for one year before selling it to Bob Ruh in a junkyard. Mark took the rusty frame home and has recently restored it.

The cars of that era used truck frames, Ford half-ton rear-ends and Y-block Ford engines, because rules permitted them to sit further back in the car. When the rule was finally eliminated drivers switched to Chevy engines. Mark crafted the body (rules said

they had to be 33 inches wide) from a 1951 Studebaker pickup and a 1948 Kaiser Bison. The original grill was a shopping cart grabbed by necessity, when John had to go racing that night and it was the only thing available.

Among the late models, Ken Reiser has been struggling because he and a new car "haven't seen eye to eye." "It is new technology," he says. "I have to re-educate myself."

Rocky Breezer also has a new car, but his experience has been quite different. "I've been in the top five most of the time," he reports.

While Kenny Richards continues to drive a late model in the WCS and at the Dells, his brother Jeff's car has been sold and he is driving Kenny's limited late model.

Don Turner reports being on the doorstep but not being able to get through the door. Lady Luck hasn't been friendly.

Brad Wildes is driving the team car to Turner's. Wildes got his start in off-road motorcycles. He switched to stock cars and has raced the last six years at Tomah, the Dells, Plover and Rockford. This is his first year in a late model. He hopes to be rookie of the year at the Dells.

Jim Carlson says the people standing behind the fence on the backstretch reported seeing the number on the top of the car when he recently collided with the wall on the front straight.

Jeff Kendall's car is three years old, but the paint scheme is new. His car is now red instead of the traditional black.

Sunday was Father's Day, and Jim Wipperfurth sat on a bench at Angell Park in Sun Prairie describing the best present he had ever received - a card from his daughter Kristi enumerating the things she was thankful for. It began with thanks for two minutes of "cute," for all the time Jim had spent watching ballet practices and the money spent on outfits so she could have two minutes on stage. Thanks for the time he locked himself in the horse trailer in a downpour and then hammered on its sides trying to get her attention as she sat in the truck. Thanks for the time he slammed his thumb under the hood of the garden tractor and the pain was so intense he couldn't muster the courage to lift it off. When he asked Kristi to help she asked him why he did it. Thanks for the time she got a speeding ticket and he told her, "I told you so!" Thanks for the time her brother Joe was on the Outlaw Tour and she went to Powercom with her boyfriend, Andy Hunt, who was racing a 360 sprint car. Kristi was invited to sit in the sprinter. Then she was asked if she wanted to hot-lap it. She took the car out with instructions to signal if she wanted to stay out. Lap after lap she signaled that she was loving the experience and wanted to stay out. Unbeknownst to her, her dad, who was an official, had radioed the flagman to give her the black flag and get her off the track. He couldn't bear to see his daughter at risk.

"Every line on that card means so much," confides Jim Wipperfurth. "I have it framed in my office."

Asked what made his father Bob Wilke proud of his son, Ralph Wilke paused and enumerated: 1) his commission Army OCS during the Korean War; 2) starting the envelope business; 3) winning a 100-lap midget race at State Fair Park in 1959 during his first year as car owner, with Roger Ward as the driver.

Lyle Corrigan, whose two sons raced at Angell Park, was present as an observer in the infield, as was Owen Schneider. As we stood talking the topic of bravery came up, and both began to talk about Bill Lane from Janesville, a Golden Gloves champion who Corrigan said had no fear, especially when racing a motorcycle.

According to Corrigan, Lane had a habit of killing the motor at the start of races. On one occasion at Cedarburg the field was already on the back straight as he stood trying to kick-start his engine at the starting line. When he finally got it started he caught the field in three laps. "He diamonded the track, using the wall as the touch points," Lyle remembers with an Irish smile.

"One time we were racing at Shawano and I was in second three laps into the race," Corrigan recalls. "I was on a Harley and I could hear his BSA one-cylinder pumper coming. On the fifth lap he flew by me in the turn, but the back of the bike went out

from under him. I drove underneath him when he slid high. I looked at his eyes and they were big as saucers. He thought I was going to drive right over him."

"He was really a good guy," said Schneider, who had co-driven in a Henry J with an Oldsmobile Rocket engine with Lane in a 500-lap race at Rockford, "but if you got him angry, look out. I got him a job at General Motors. They gave this tough little guy a job of buffing out fenders. A fellow worker came along and rubbed a banana on the fender, and Bill told him not to do that. The guy continued and found out why he shouldn't. They moved Bill to the truck division.

"Another time three cops stopped him, and one of them held him while the others roughed him up. About three weeks later Bill caught up with one of them. Then Bill ran off and joined the Navy."

Rick Imhoff was standing by the infield fence with a stopwatch and dreaming about bringing a new car out, perhaps as early as next week. "I found out I couldn't build a car in 48 hours when it takes three months. I worked 18 hours straight on the car, and at 2:30 in the morning I looked at the car and said, 'Come on! I've been nice to you.' I don't have a magic wand. I do have three magic beans, but I am saving them until I retire!"

"I was looking at buying a pontoon boat this summer. I was done with racing. I was going to sell everything. Then this Fontana engine came along ..."

Eighteen-year-old Brad Loyet provided the crowd with an early adrenalin rush when he made contact with another car in turn 4 and got sideways. The car dug in, did a barrel-roll, and clipped a light pole on its way out of the park. Loyet returned to his pit area unharmed. The young man also went out of the park at Powercom in May.

Rick Labrosse is off to a personal best start this season. On Sunday night he was eighth in time and third in the semi-feature. The week before he finished eighth in the feature. He has been running the same equipment the past six years. It is just working better this year. Rick credits Bill Ripp with helping him a lot.

Rick's dad passed away about 11 years ago, but about two weeks before he did he told someone Rick should sell his race car and buy a boat. "He knew I wouldn't do it," says Rick. "Now he pushes me along. During the invocation and the National Anthem I always try to find a cloud in the sky. I know that my mom (who has also passed away) and dad are sitting on it looking down at me."

As the evening of racing got underway Doug Jordon produced a red bucket that held the pieces of a shattered dream to go racing - a rocker arm, a broken spark plug, and other assorted parts from an engine that had dropped a valve. "I hope I can get it fixed. I don't know when I'll be back."

Davey Ray had been third three weeks in a row and talked about holding on to that position. "Sun Prairie has the best of both worlds," he said. "There are the great veterans like Scott Hatton and Kevin Doty. Then there are the young guys knocking on the door, like Brandon Waelti, Nick Lundgren, Harley Slotten, Brad Kuhn, Danny Stratton and Chad DeSelle. They have good equipment and crews and are improving every week. I'm happy to see it. It means we will have a place to race."

The 25-lap feature was as thrill-packed as they get at Angell Park. With 11 laps to go half of the 22-car field had been lost to attrition. After the seventh flip, red flag and restart, the race came down to a three-car battle for the lead, with Danny Stratton leading Scott Hatton and Davey Ray. On lap 23 Hatton got by Stratton; then Stratton came back and took the lead, with Ray finishing second.

"Scott got the lead and I was going to be third," said Ray. "If they bounced off each other I'd win. Then Scott jumped the cushion and I got second. It's fun racing like that."

"I pushed the front-end into the cushion in turns 1 and 2, and Hatton got by me," Stratton explained after the race. "Then he made the same mistake and let me get by him."

It was a nice come back for Stratton, who had been battling for the lead at Wilmot before spinning out and had been involved in two altercations at Angell Park in previous features.

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Kinser Completes Eagle Nat'l's Sweep

EAGLE, NE, June 18 -- After dominating Friday night's preliminary feature at Eagle Raceway, Steve Kinser rolled through the main event Saturday in front of packed grandstands to capture his tenth Eagle Nationals title. He led all 70 laps of the two-day event, he won the dash on both nights to earn both poles, and collected \$17,000 in winnings.

Combined with his son Kraig, Steve Kinser Racing has taken the checkered flag in five of the past six WoO race events.

Jason Meyers, who was hanging onto second with three laps to go in the preliminary feature when his car was damaged in an incident, earned some redemption in Saturday's main event with a runner-up finish. Craig Dollansky was third, followed by Brian Paulus and Kraig Kinser.

It was clear early on that tire management would be critical to lasting all 40 laps. Kinser quickly opened a nearly three-second advantage on Meyers, but when he caught the rear of the field and had to pick his way through traffic, Meyers cut into the gap on a long green-flag run. Then, with 16 laps down, Johnny Herrera turned sideways to bring out a caution. With rub-



Steve Kinser (11) won both nights of the Eagle Nationals at Eagle, NE. (Sean Mizell photo)

ber building on the track, drivers began to alter their strategy. Rather than run the risk of falling back in the field, Meyers fell in line behind Kinser, as did Dollansky and Paulus. The best opportunity to gain ground came off of restarts; however, after a lap 21 caution Dollansky tried to slide under Meyers, but Meyers held his ground.

Paul McMahan, who was running fifth, shredded his right-rear tire with ten laps to go, and when Kinser trouble putting a lap on Gene Ackland it allowed Meyers to close quickly. With three to go Ackland, Mike Chadd, A-Main: S. Kinser, Meyers, Dollansky, Brian Paulus, K. Kinser, Schatz, Tatnell, Tim Shaffer, Daryn Pittman, Sides.



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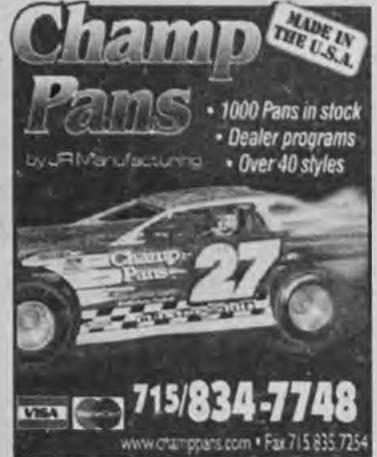
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